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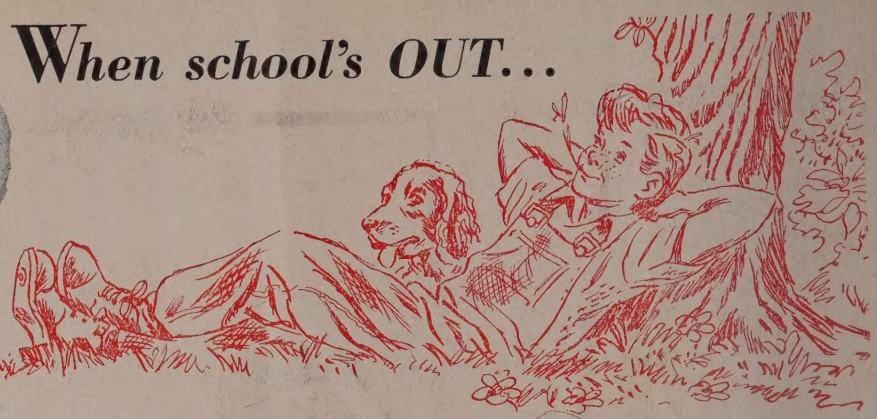

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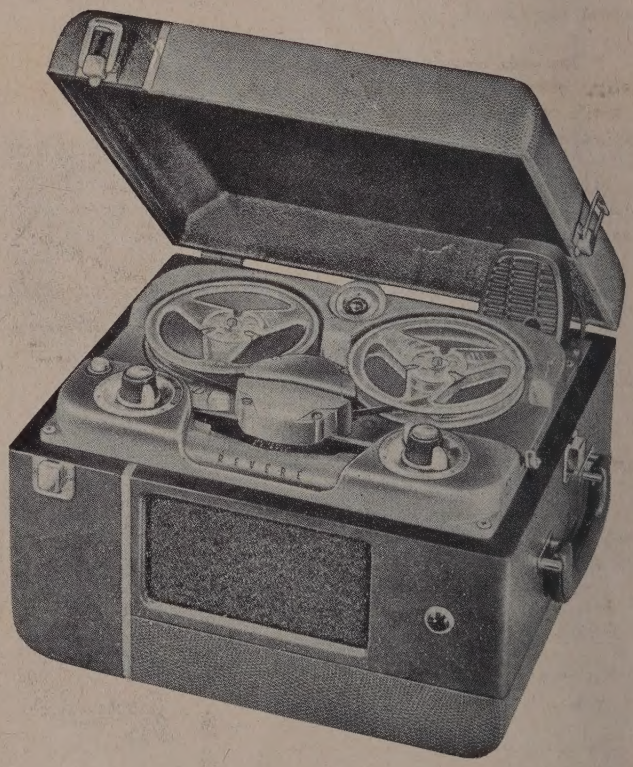

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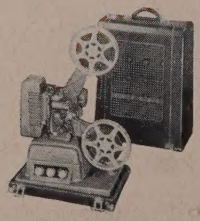

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* * *

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* * *

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* * *

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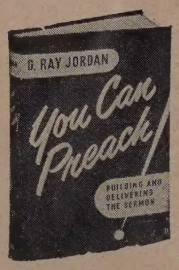

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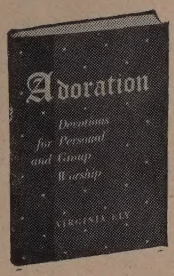

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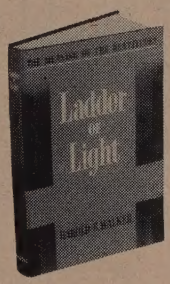

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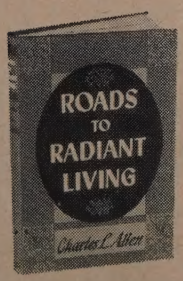

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The Dearth of Spiritual Vision

Your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams.—The prophet Joel

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5. Is there a rule of thumb for estimating the debt a church can safely incur for building?
6. How much (and when) is it safe for us to borrow to complete our church construction program?
7. How much can we expect to raise outside the church membership for our building fund?
8. Can a church usually raise more money for a new sanctuary or a new educational building?
9. Must we have building construction plans before we can start our building fund campaign?
10. Why can most churches raise more money before they draw construction plans?
11. Will the possible shortage of some building materials have a bad effect on our building fund campaign?
12. Will the threat of war have a good or bad effect on a building fund campaign?
13. Should government construction restrictions have any effect on our building fund-raising plans?
14. How can we avoid deciding on a new location until after we have found out how much we can raise?
15. How can we get our more conservative members to agree that we should proceed with our church building program?
16. When is the best time for our church to have a building fund campaign?
17. How long does it take to get ready for a building fund campaign?
18. How long will it take to complete a building fund campaign for our church?
19. What happens to our other church activities during a building fund campaign?
20. Why is this a good time to raise funds for church building and activity programs?
21. What effect do building fund campaigns have on subsequent budget fund-raising?
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23. When is it best to keep building funds apart from the annual budget and when is it best to mix them?
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26. Do you believe that the spiritual impact of a successful campaign is of greater value than all the dollars raised?
27. We need the money quickly. Should we try to raise it in cash or pledges?
28. Do pledges payable weekly raise and collect more money than those payable on a monthly basis?
29. What is considered the best length of time for the collection of church building fund pledges?
30. What is the normal shrinkage on building fund pledges?
31. Why do many churches collect more than the amount pledged during the pledge collection period?
32. Is there a good method for keeping pledges paid up on a current basis?
33. How soon can we start building after a successful pledge campaign?
34. What chance do we have to succeed in our building fund campaign since we have no big givers?
35. Does the fact that many of our members are tithing mean that we can raise more or less than normal for our building fund?
36. How can we obtain more building fund campaign pledges from our members than we have had on former appeals?
37. How can we be sure to get maximum support from the members of our church who do not usually take part in many of our church activities?
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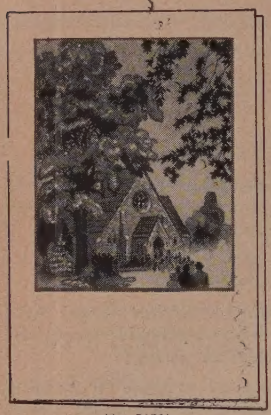

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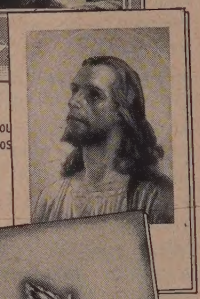

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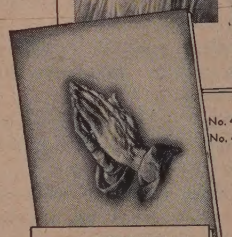

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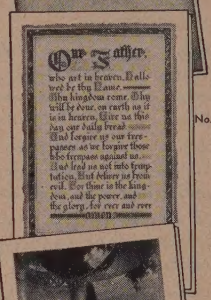

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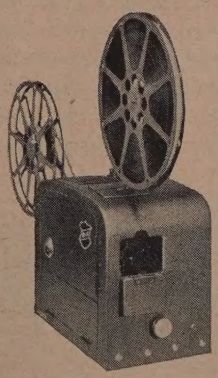

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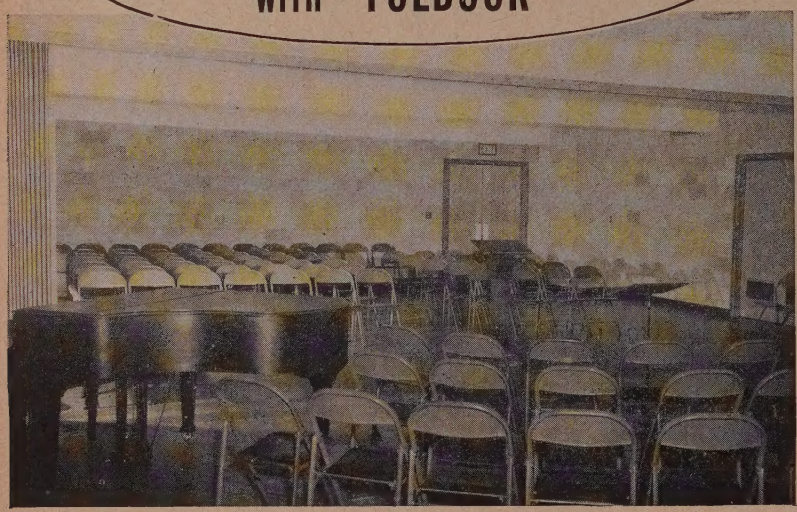

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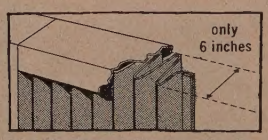

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CONGREGATION: To Thee, we dedicate this Church Flag.

PASTOR: That it may always bring to our minds the watchful Providence of the God who guards the country for which it stands.

CONGREGATION: To Thee, we dedicate this American Flag.

PASTOR: That its presence here may help to keep us close to Him in whom alone we have hope of life and happiness.

CONGREGATION: To Thee, we dedicate this Church Flag.

PASTOR: That constantly we may thank God for the sacrificial service of those who endured hardship and suffering to bring it into being.

CONGREGATION: To Thee, we dedicate this American Flag.

PASTOR: That silently side by side during each service, they may remind us of our duty to God and Country, of the love of our Saviour and of the freedom of our nation.

CONGREGATION: To Thee, we dedicate these flags.

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CONGREGATION SINGS:

"Our father's God, to Thee
Author of Liberty.
to Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
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Good Years for Organized Religion

IT is our custom in this directory issue of *Church Management* to seek to appraise the church situation and to evaluate its progress. Mr. Rankin has done an admirable job, on other pages of this issue, on the world situation. I am confining my analysis to the local churches.

These are good years for churches. Membership is increasing; attendance is good; money is available. New churches are being built at a rate never before equalled. According to a report from the Religious News Service, construction of churches during the first three months of 1951 was twenty-five per cent higher than during the same period of 1950. The actual figures quoted were that church construction started in the first quarter of 1951 totaled $108,000,000 as contrasted with $87,000,000 for the first quarter of the year before.

In actual dollars and cents the gifts to our churches have never been greater. From most urban centers of the country come reports of growing suburbs with demands for new educational and social rooms. People are taking their churches seriously.

Financially, one black cloud is the fact that inflation has cut the value of the dollar. Soaring costs of new buildings and administration take the money as fast as it comes in. Another is that compared with the national income the church gets a smaller percentage of the total amount than it did before its present era of prosperity.

Most of us have seen, at first hand, great religious revivals. Under the magnetism of some evangelist entire communities are moved to religious profession. But this writer doubts if there has been any time in the past fifty years when an entire nation has seen the upsurge of church interest of the present time. We are living in a period of religious revival and some of us do not know it.

Still I do not like the term "religious revival." I am skeptical of what some people want to revive. And it is true that the present upsurge has little resemblance to a revival meeting. There are few of the emotional excesses which we associated with the protracted meeting. In a sense the movement seems more social than spiritual, yet there are spiritual factors. There are thousands of new families being established. Perhaps the most potent force in the growing membership of churches is the desire of these new families to find religious-social expression for their rapidly increasing offspring. Our fathers may have planted better than we have given them credit.

That this upsurge is not entirely social may be assumed from reports of practically all of the theological seminaries. For the first time in our generation the training schools for ministers and religious workers tell us that their dormitories and classrooms are crowded. Young men and women evidently are thinking seriously on the spiritual issues of life. The supply of clergymen is keeping pace with the growth of the churches.

We have not noticed much of a demand for a general church merger in this new religious movement. But there very definitely is an unconscious ignoring of denominational line. Families pass from one fellowship to another with few inhibitions. A good Presbyterian family unites with the local Church of God while an offspring of a Unitarian family becomes an officer in a Methodist church. There is definitely a synthesis of religious denominations going on. Theology does not seem to cut much of a factor.

The amazing thing about the movement is that it is spontaneous. No one is able to say "I told you so." Wise church leaders will recog-

nize the facts of the situation and not quarrel about the source of the new strength or the motivation of the individuals seeking church homes. Enough that they knock at our doors and ask admittance. Like every social movement there will be adjustments both on the part of the individuals and the churches. But the fields are now "white for the harvest."

This is the way of Christian progress.

What Hath God Wrought?

THE foregoing editorial raises a question to our minds. Just how much of the contemporary religious upsurge is due to the efforts of the ministers and congregations—just how much comes from outside of our influence. It probably could be answered after a careful analysis. Our guess is that the local churches have less to do with their successes than they sometimes think.

The editor visits many churches. Most of them are in an area around Cleveland, Ohio, where religion is booming. Ministers are thrilled with big congregations and growing church schools. We find, however, that some of them are very narrow in their vision. They think that this is due to their own efforts or the magnetism of their own minister. One feels cruel to tell them the facts of life, that they are in a period of religious expansion and are profiting from it.

I have found the same thing true in a number of theological seminaries recently visited. Their dormitories are crowded. They point with pride to the success of their current publicity and sales efforts. Here again their vision is too narrow.

No one should discount the vision and energy of local church leaders. But churches are subject to other forces. They cannot escape the economic trends of the day. Their enthusiasm is dependent upon world and local condition. The money market affects collections.

But there are other forces than these. There are times when God decides that his churches must go forward. This may be one of those times.

The heathen raged.
The kingdoms were moved.
He uttered his voice.
The earth melted.

Sounds rather contemporary, doesn't it?

The Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen

YOU will hear a lot about "The Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen" in the next few months. The publicity will tell you that it is being sponsored by *Church Management*. And so it is. But I want to tell you the real story before the program has been too widely publicized.

The editor of the journal would be proud to claim the idea. It had its origin in the fertile minds of Dr. Harold M. Dudley and his wife Ruth, partners in the Washington Liaison Service. Located in the nation's capital this Christian couple saw many perplexing things and wondered how their talents could be invested to aid bringing the United States back to its religious and moral heritage.

The plan was brought to us. The editor and his editorial advisory board spent many hours in considering its possibilities. In the end we became thoroughly sold to the idea and are cooperating wholeheartedly in the program.

The pilgrimage will bring together in the city of Washington several hundred Christian men and women who believe that the basic ideals of our nation are religious and who wish to see some of the documents and other shrines of that heritage. For three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 28, 29 and 30, we will visit historic places and view religious-historic evidences. The pilgrimage will start at the National Mellon Art Gallery, where special provision is being made to display great religious art. Then to the Library of Congress for the viewing of some documents not seen by casual observers. Later in the day a service will be held in the Old Christ Church at Alexandria, where the rector, B. B. Comer Lile, will tell us much of the religious history of early Virginia and America. Christ Church, of course, is the church of Washington and Jefferson.

Saturday we visit the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, the Supreme Court Building and Arlington Cemetery with its grave of the unknown soldier. Saturday evening will, in particular, be *Church Management* night. For a dinner, to be held at one of the great hotels of Washington, the editorial board of *Church Management* will present a distinguished churchman to be recognized as "The Church-

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THE CHURCH CHANGES AND GROWS

Review of Religion 1950-1951

*by Walton W. Rankin**

LIVING under the shadow of the incalculable destructiveness of modern war and the atom and hydrogen bombs, the church in the year 1951 found itself confronted, as it has been so many times in its history, with the problem of what it could do toward salvaging what could be salvaged of the permanent values of human civilization.

When the young Augustine became a convert to Christianity under the influence of St. Ambrose at Milan in 387 A.D. he had finally found the kind of institution which alone could satisfy his desire after personal security and gratify his wish to serve the state and humanity to the full. In a civilization which was deteriorating all about him he found in the church the center and source of all that could guarantee the preservation of what was for him good and true in human life. The political organization of Rome had failed, the army had failed, the ancient pagan imperial cult had failed. For a young Roman of energy and ambition the church appeared to be the only institution capable of surviving the imminent downfall of the Roman empire. So Augustine devoted his life to the service of the church. And like him, many other young Romans of talent and ability turned to the church as to the last refuge in a dying world.

So in our time people are beginning to turn to the church as a rock of safety in time of stress. It is no accident that at this time in our country the seminaries of virtually all denominations are filled to capacity. Many young men who twenty or twenty-five years ago were turning to careers in industry, the law, engineering, and so on, are now looking to a life of service in the church as the best way of fulfilling their life's deepest aspirations. And wide classes of people, out of a general sense of insecurity and the feeling that the present conflicts of the world are due to the neglect of spiritual things, are moving toward the church as to the sheltering guardian of divine truth.

In this connection it is not inappropriate to cite the statement of the General Board of the National Council of Churches at a meeting in Chicago, May 17, 1951. The statement, prepared by the Council's Division of Christian Life and Work after four months' study, listed several Christian insights to help the individual Christian believer chart his way through the confusion of the present times. Included were:

"1. History is purposeful and orderly because the world is in the hands of God who made it.

"2. Man, being a creature of God, has a destiny above and beyond this world. Hence his essential security and his essential freedom are not derived from this world.

"3. Man can know the will of God . . . and can also enter into communion with him . . . prayer is powerfully relevant to human affairs.

"4. It is our faith verified in history, that in Jesus Christ the God of history and our Creator has revealed himself and his purpose for us. Through his death for us and his victory over death we may be victorious over our sinful nature and all the powers of this world, including death itself."

Turning to the world situation as it stood at the middle of the year 1951, the event of primary consequence during the twelve months preceding was the invasion of the North Korean Communists into the South Korean territory below the 38th Parallel at the end of June, 1950. Without the slightest provocation and as an act of sheer aggression the North Korean Reds, provided with arms by Soviet Russia and Red China, attempted to conquer the virtually unarmed southern half of Korea. This territory, constituted as a Republic, under the presidency of Syngman Rhee, and supported by the United States and the United Nations would have succumbed instantaneously had it not been for the intervention of the United States. The North Korean invasion heralded a year's period of warfare, the end of which is not in sight at this time of writing (June 1). The United States stood by the Republic of Korea, sent troops to the defense of the country, and persuaded member nations of the UN to send at least token reinforcements. In December, following the total defeat of the North Korean invaders, Red China intervened, sending her hordes of soldiers against the UN forces. North Korea was rapidly recovered, and successive offensives were delivered against the UN armies, in April and May. These were repulsed with appallingly bloody losses. What the ultimate outcome of the Korean War would be no one knew. Indeed, the war, though terrible, was only an incident in the world-wide crisis in which the potent threat of Communism to break forth and attempt to conquer the world was the most significant factor on the horizon. That the world, and, of course, the church in the world, faced an emergency was quite evident, although the precise forms the emergency would take were not clear.

The churches of America appreciated fully the gravity of the situation. They were aware of the tremendous possibilities of evil to come. Nevertheless, they sought to allay the people's fears and to induce calm. In a statement on the international situation adopted by the General Board of the National Council of Churches, January 17, 1951, the people were called upon to be steadfast in prayer and to persist in their faith that, although the outlook was very grave, the power of righteousness derived from God would still triumph and a just peace established on the earth.

"We reject the view that a third world war is inevitable," the statement read: "To believe that nations are being driven into war by some blind destiny beyond their power to resist, is fatalism of the most pagan sort. Let those who have taken upon themselves the name of Christ, resist such counsel of despair."

While calling on their people to exercise every effort to create understanding which would resolve the world tensions, the churches generally admitted that it was necessary to face the realities of the situation and make adequate provision for the special ministries required of them—with the armed forces, with defense industry workers, in devastated or impoverished or endangered areas, in the strengthening of local churches, colleges and

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other institutions, and in extending a supporting fellowship to Christian workers and people everywhere.

Formation of National Council

From the standpoint of American Protestantism, the most important event in the year under review was the formation of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. This took place in Cleveland, November 28 to December 2, 1950. The council was the fruits of some ten years of negotiations, whereby eight interdenominational agencies and 29 communions (25 Protestant and four Orthodox) joined in a great inter-church enterprise. The merging agencies were:

Federal Council of Churches, International Council of Religious Education, Foreign Missions Conference, Home Missions Council, Missionary Education Movement, United Council of Church Women, United Stewardship Council, and National Council on Higher Education.

Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, of New York, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was elected president of the council for 1951-1952.

Vice presidents-at-large were:

Mrs. Douglas Horton, New York, former president of Wellesley College and former commander of the Waves; Congregationalist.

Mrs. Abbie Clement Jackson, Louisville, Kentucky, executive secretary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Dr. M. E. Sadler, Fort Worth, Texas, president of Texas Christian University and former president of the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ.

Dr. Harold E. Stassen, Philadelphia, president of the University of Pennsylvania, former governor of Minnesota and president of the International Council of Religious Education; a Baptist layman.

Vice presidents elected by the divisions:

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, Delaware, Ohio, president of Ohio Wesleyan University, former member of the U. S. Civil Service Commission and chairman of the Division of Christian Life and Work. He is a Methodist layman.

Dr. Charles T. Leber, New York, general secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., elected by the Division of Foreign Missions.

Dr. Hermann N. Morse, New York, general secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., secretary and acting chairman of the National Council's Planning Committee and chairman of the Division of Home Missions.

Dr. Paul Calvin Payne, Philadelphia, general secretary of the Board of Christian Education, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and chairman of the Division of Christian Education.

(Doctors Flemming, Morse and Payne serve also as division chairmen. Doctor C. C. Adams Philadelphia, corresponding secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., chairs the Division of Foreign Missions.)

Charles E. Wilson of New York, president of General Electric Company, chairman of the laymen's committee of Religion in American Life, and a Baptist layman, was elected treasurer, and James L. Kraft, Chicago, chairman of the board of Kraft-Phenix Cheese Corp., a Baptist layman long treasurer of the International Council of Christian Education, was elected associate treasurer. Dr. Reuben H. Mueller, Dayton, Ohio, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, Evangelical United Brethren Church, was named recording secretary.

Dr. Samuel McCrea Cravert, of New York, former executive secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, was named general secretary of the National Council. Dr. Ray Ross, former general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education, was named associate general secretary. Under them was a staff of more than 400, and a budget of $4,435,000 was voted for annual operational expenses.

The constituting of the National Council was hailed throughout the country as a forward step in church history. Wide publicity attended the event, and the national interest in the new council augured well for its future. There can be no doubt that the formation of the council was a wise move. It has been a great force for unity and for the consolidation of Protestant influences in America. Already the council has provided a remarkable leadership which has been felt throughout the constituent denominations all the way down the line. In the kind of a world in which we are living the desirability of having such an organization as the council, which can speak with a united voice for Protestantism on vital current issues, is quite obvious. With real statesmen at the helm, the council may be counted on to grow in influence, and to further solidify the Protestant forces and tradition of the country.

Organic Union

The keynote of the National Council of Churches is church cooperation. Organic or even federal union, is not contemplated in it. The success of the National Council probably had something to do with the further prompting of a move toward organic union of the major Protestant denominations. The effort toward organic union in Protestantism has a history going back to a meeting held in December, 1918, in the Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, when representatives from a number of denominations met with the purpose of drawing up a plan for the combination of their respective communions into a single church. The project failed, in this case due to the Presbyterian opposition. Dr. J. Gresham Machen, of the Presbyterian Church, was much against the idea, and he commanded enough influence to assure that great opposition would be aroused in his church if any attempt at union were made. Thus the project was nipped in the bud. From time to time, however, the issue has been revived. Churches like the Presbyterian U.S.A., the Disciples of Christ, the Congregational-Christian, and the Evangelical-Reformed, have repeatedly expressed their general willingness to enter into negotiations looking toward organic union, with any other communion so-minded. And in the light of the movement toward federal union led by Dr. E. Stanley Jones, which has attracted support from laymen of various denominations, the leaders of denominations have felt impelled to do something about the matter. Hence the Greenwich, Connecticut, conference of December, 1949, and the conference at Cincinnati in late January, 1950. An extraordinary amount of publicity was given to these two events, which in the sequel, was perhaps unfortunate for the cause of union. An actual plan or blueprint for the union of the constituent denominations (nine and one association of churches were represented in the conferences) was submitted to the Cincinnati meeting, but almost at once objections were raised against it. To begin with, the Episcopalians and Lutherans were virtually left out of the picture. And the plan that was submitted was a hybrid one, a blending of Presbyterianism, Congregationalism, and Methodism. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam was quoted as calling the plan a "Congregationalist" document. At any rate, the dissatisfaction with the plan was such that the conferees voted to refer it back to a drafting committee for revision. The committee was requested to prepare a new plan for submission to the various denominations by early in the fall.

One may comment in passing that there has been some failure in understanding on the part of the proponents of organic union, in the matter of seeking wide publicity for their project. What gave an impetus to the press interest in the Greenwich group was an article by one of the members which appeared in a woman's magazine of national circulation. The focusing of interest provoked by the article has proved to be premature. It would have been much better if the group had conducted its discussions in closed meetings. That a general public impression of inability on the part of Protestants to get together with one another was produced by the reports carried in the press on the Cincinnati meeting cannot be doubted. Whether the newspaper stories conveyed the whole truth or not—and there were some members of the group who felt that they did not—is not the point. It may be that the note of failure was unduly lifted. However, greater realism would have been shown by the group (known as the Conference on Church Union—formed at Greenwich) had they recognized and frankly admitted the extreme difficulty of their task, and cautioned the public in advance against any sanguine expectations. It is one thing to vote resolutions voicing hospitality toward organic union, it is another thing to compose a plan which will amalgamate the constituent denominations into one unified church and to get that plan

Church Giving Increases

Total Contributions From Living Donors

	A Religious Body	B Budget Benevolence	C Denominational Benevolence	D Other Benevolence	E Total Benevolence	F Congregational Expenses	G Total Contributions	H Membership 13 Years and Over	I Reports for Year Ending
1.	Assemblies of God	2,446,592	2,446,592	.....	2,446,592	.....	2,446,592	275,000	June 30, 1950
2.	*Baptist, American	5,545,261	7,196,798	1,895,551	9,092,349	41,940,490	51,032,839	1,561,073	April 30, 1950
3.	*Baptist, National	276,375	459,722	103,650	563,372	7,862,850	8,426,222	4,385,206	June 30, 1948
4.	Baptist, Regular	.....	.....	.....	1,502,399	3,347,716	4,850,115	95,000	Dec. 31, 1949
5.	Baptist, Seventh Day	32,115	37,096	.....	37,096	160,784	197,880	6,430	June 30, 1950
6.	Baptist, Southern	31,316,818	31,316,818	.....	31,316,818	147,020,489	178,337,307	6,250,000	Dec. 31, 1949
7.	*Brethren Church	114,067	114,067	2,868	116,935	447,834	564,769	18,000	June 30, 1950
8.	*Brethren, Church of	1,001,830	1,697,867	421,847	2,119,714	3,485,369	5,605,083	166,508	Feb. 28, 1950
9.	Brethren, National Fellowship	.....	411,197	.....	411,197	961,921	1,373,118	18,988	June 30, 1950
10.	Brethren in Christ	125,328	224,283	49,402	273,685	161,214	434,899	5,681	Dec. 31, 1948
11.	Catholic, American Syro-Antiochean	21,014	21,014	211	21,225	22,891	44,116	2,617	
12.	Churches of God in North America	97,860	129,601	62,265	191,866	1,081,587	1,273,453	30,000	Oct 31, 1950
13.	*Congregational Christian	3,721,435	5,423,929	.....	5,423,929	42,358,390	47,782,319	1,204,789	Dec. 31, 1949
14.	*Disciples of Christ	5,967,884	6,867,884	1,045,753	7,913,637	36,836,259	44,749,896	1,738,983	June 30, 1950
15.	*Episcopal, Protestant	9,144,639	12,019,325	.....	12,019,325	56,861,397	68,880,722	1,622,910	Dec. 31, 1949
16.	*Evangelical Congregational	121,394	202,610	5,000	207,610	1,106,012	1,313,622	27,093	March 31, 1949
17.	*Evangelical and Reformed	2,039,635	3,280,684	772,829	4,053,513	19,902,507	23,956,020	726,361	Dec. 31, 1949
18.	*Evangelical United Brethren	1,873,283	4,351,061	298,768	4,649,829	21,255,872	25,905,701	708,599	Oct. 31, 1950
19.	*Friends (Damascus, Ohio)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	425,150	5,677	June 30, 1949
20.	International Foursquare Gospel	316,809	457,158	.....	457,158	2,512,554	2,969,712	71,817	Dec. 31, 1949
21.	*Lutheran, American	1,807,779	2,857,998	943,090	3,801,088	16,997,837	20,798,925	496,598	Dec. 31, 1949
22.	*Lutheran, Augustana	1,067,836	2,687,001	.....	2,687,001	10,344,396	13,031,397	321,557	Dec. 31, 1949
23.	Lutheran, Evangelical	1,980,277	4,308,754	4,310,492	8,619,246	19,521,767	28,141,013	576,621	Jan. 31, 1950
24.	Lutheran, Missouri Synod	3,634,788	10,629,117	.....	10,629,117	45,679,721	56,308,838	1,135,960	Dec. 31, 1949
25.	Lutheran, Norwegian Synod	49,912	49,912	.....	49,912	205,311	255,223	6,807	April 30, 1950
26.	Lutheran, Suomi Synod	79,436	79,436	.....	79,436	485,035	564,471	22,466	March 31, 1950
27.	*Lutheran, United	5,062,948	10,465,572	.....	10,465,572	37,014,448	47,480,020	1,375,588	Dec. 31, 1949
28.	Lutheran, United Evangelical	162,029	231,640	42,088	273,728	1,338,012	1,611,740	31,735	April 30, 1950
29.	Lutheran, Wisconsin, Other States	972,560	1,250,002	188,619	1,438,621	4,959,377	6,397,998	211,030	Dec. 31, 1948
30.	Mennonite, Central Conference	.....	73,708	.....	73,708	75,950	149,657	3,261	June 30, 1950
31.	Mennonite Church	2,463,113	2,463,113	.....	2,463,113	1,000,000	3,463,113	62,739	Dec. 31, 1949
32.	Mennonite, Evangelical	78,239	78,239	18,379	96,618	89,521	186,139	1,823	Dec. 31, 1949
33.	*Methodist	19,703,428	36,590,188	.....	36,590,188	192,706,923	229,297,111	8,792,569	Dec. 31, 1949
34.	Methodist, Free	1,087,277	1,920,663	14,712	1,935,375	4,868,139	6,803,514	40,231	Sept. 30, 1950
35.	Methodist, Wesleyan	266,127	1,971,607	306,044	2,277,651	1,670,070	3,947,721	31,147	April 30, 1949
36.	Missionary Church Association	617,214	617,214	.....	617,214	.....	617,214	5,513	Dec. 31, 1948
37.	Moravian (Northern Province)	182,937	182,937	8,635	191,572	683,071	874,643	21,851	Dec. 31, 1949
38.	*Nazarene, Church of	1,559,269	3,396,977	615,634	4,012,611	19,478,187	23,490,798	224,487	Dec. 31, 1949
39.	Pentecostal Fire Baptized Holiness	64,000	64,000	.....	64,000	.....	64,000	1,625	Aug. 28, 1950
40.	Presbyterian, Associate Reformed	111,899	350,153	.....	350,153	696,454	1,046,607	25,706	Mar. 31, 1950
41.	Presbyterian, Cumberland	390,960	390,960	.....	390,960	1,796,115	2,187,075	76,000	April 30, 1950
42.	Presbyterian, Orthodox	88,434	89,324	529	89,853	390,667	480,520	5,799	March 31, 1950
43.	*Presbyterian, United	1,071,171	2,018,459	178,172	2,196,631	7,326,139	9,522,770	213,810	March 31, 1950
44.	*Presbyterian, U. S.	7,686,525	8,791,993	636,109	9,428,102	28,660,631	38,088,733	675,489	March 31, 1950
45.	*Presbyterian, U. S. A.	12,250,078	16,572,493	.....	16,572,493	77,806,143	94,378,636	2,391,967	Dec. 31, 1949
46.	*Reformed in America	1,498,466	1,782,424	393,004	2,165,428	7,887,359	10,052,,787	183,178	April 30, 1950
47.	Seventh-day Adventists	27,047,825	27,871,475	294,767	28,166,242	5,461,635	33,627,877	243,193	Dec. 31, 1949
48.	United Brethren (Huntington)	.....	231,541	.....	231,541	907,567	1,139,108	18,289	Sept. 30, 1950
	Total U. S., 1950	155,146,866	214,674,606	12,598,418	228,775,423	875,376,611	1,104,577,184	36,117,771	
	Total U. S., 1949	148,939,276	194,541,337	18,995,751	214,741,750	756,696,087	971,862,987	35,425,958	
49.	*Baptist, Maritime	111,601	421,195	2,006	423,201	1,375,279	1,798,480	65,222	June 30, 1950
50.	*Baptist, Ontario and Quebec	231,851	502,871	3,578	506,449	1,711,278	2,217,727	53,347	April 30, 1950
51.	*Baptist, Western Canada	89,354	138,261	.....	138,261	510,964	649,225	17,554	May 15, 1950
52.	*Presbyterian, Canada	681,650	681,650	55,748	737,398	4,103,272	4,840,670	175,786	Dec. 31, 1949
53.	*United Church of Canada	3,946,398	4,661,674	652,197	5,313,871	18,157,109	23,470,980	806,179	Dec. 31, 1949
	Total Canada, 1950	5,060,854	6,405,651	713,529	7,119,180	25,857,902	32,977,082	1,118,088	
	Total Canada, 1949	4,699,482	5,844,093	906,365	6,750,458	22,960,926	29,711,384	1,102,666	
	Grand Total, 1950	160,207,720	221,080,257	13,311,947	235,894,603	901,234,513	1,137,554,266	37,235,859	
	Grand Total, 1949	153,638,758	200,385,430	19,902,116	221,492,208	779,657,013	1,001,574,371	36,528,624	

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accepted by the people of the respective denominations. The history of the fate of the plan for the union of the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church U.E.A. should be a sufficient warning against indulging in undue expectations in this matter. That plan was the fruits of six years' study b ya committee of leaders of the two churches. It was admittedly imperfect as to phrasing, and in many respects obviously incomplete. However, the important point was that the Protestant Episcopal Church, at its triennial General Convention in Philadelphia in 1946, refused even to submit the plan to the church for study. As for the Greenwich group's plan, the attitude of the Episcopal Church was succinctly expressed by Rt. Rev. Stephen E. Keeler, Bishop of Minnesota, an observer at Cincinnati, who, taking definite exception to the plan, said his church could not possibly share in it, and objected that it "dismisses the sacraments in a line and a half." "Protestant unity," he commented, "has a long, long way to go."

The World Scene

Turning to events on the world scene, delegates to a Conference on Refugees in the Near East, held at Beirut, Syria, May 1-8, under the sponsorship of the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council lifted the need for a real Christian responsibility to speak out on behalf of the 800,000 refugees of the Near East who "through catastrophe for which they were not themselves responsible . . . had suffered grievous physical and material losses, but (whose) mental, moral and spiritual hurt was perhaps even greater." The statement appealed to all Christians to use their influence to persuade their governments and the United Nations concerning the urgent need for "definite political settlement, and large-scale schemes of relief and reconstruction." It also urged all Christians personally to give on a far more liberal scale to all voluntary organizations engaged in work of relief rehabilitation and resettlement in the Near East.

The disturbed situation in Palestine and in the Bible lands was most deeply to be deplored. In May hostilities flared up between Syria and Israel over a border problem, in which the Israelis claimed rights over areas including a swamp which they planned to irrigate and reclaim. The Syrians protested that the Israelis were invading their territory and armed clashes followed. A "squalid warfare" (to borrow Winston Churchill's description of it) has been going on in the Bible lands ever since 1947, and the end is not yet. The tragedy is deepened, because the Bible lands have an interest and significance for the followers of the three great

religions of mankind, Christianity, Judaism and Mohammedanism, all over the world.

The Roman Catholic Church widened the gulf between itself and the rest of Christendom by the proclamation of the dogma of the Assumption in November, 1954. This action was of a piece with the proclamation of the Immaculate Conception in 1854 and the proclamation of the infallibility of the Pope at the ecumenical council in Rome in 1870—also with the publication of the Syllabus of Errors in 1864. In each case the trend was toward augmenting the papal authority, the building up of a papal absolutism based on a thorough-going regimentation and centralization of the church on a tightened basis. This strategy is to solidify the church against the world, and to close the ranks of the church in a uniform discipline for both offensive and defensive action. The pronouncements of the Vatican against priests participating in Rotary and like organizations were of the same pattern. Modern Catholicism, in order to assert its pretensions to pre-eminence in religion finds itself more and more driven to actions which divide it from the rest of the world. The observance of Holy Year, and the canonization of seven new saints during the year, were measures which, while contributing to the building up of Catholic consciousness were of a character to emphasize the differences between Catholics and adherents of other faiths. It is difficult to see how any good can come out of this policy of self-containment, which in its deepest notes varies little from that of Fascism or Nazism or Communism.

At the threshold of another year the condition of the world offers little in the way of encouragement either for the church or for the world generally. What remained for the church to do was to cling to her faith, to assert her Christian idealism, to make preparations to bind up wounds, and to gird herself for the tasks of ministering to a world desperately in need of both a physical and spiritual ministry. Fortunately for the church there were leaders in her ranks who still had the vision of what the church is and can be, and how it can best serve. There is a quality of life in the church which resists defeatism, which registers a permanent protest against any completely pessimistic theory of mankind and the world. Though the outlook was far from cheerful the Christian armed with his faith could look with confidence that in the Providence of God there were powers and resources which could overcome all evil, and that better things would come.

SOMETHING NEW CAN BE ADDED

Annual Meetings Made Interesting

*By Robert Cashman**

WHEN Napoleon escaped from the Isle of Elba and returned to Paris, he was met outside the city by a hostile mob. Baring his breast, he said, "Kill me if you will, but listen, I have a plan!" The people listened, were fascinated, and followed him to new conquests.

How many ministers and their official boards are willing to stand before their members and say, "Close this church if you will, but listen, we have a plan for the coming year! We are adding something new!"

What makes so many annual meetings tiresome? Is it the numerous reports? Or the long speeches? Or a dull presiding officer? Or a lack of Christian fellowship? Or the omission of humor? Or is it because the program is one of routine, and offers no future challenges?

Here are testimonies from churches that find their annual meetings fascinating:

How to Create Interest

"We take movie shots of various activities of our church during the year, and dramatize them, to the delight of all."

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"Our church always introduces some vital new business, such as our remodeling program, which is of great interest. For several years we have been improving our properties, and when we have finished, we shall have spent more than the original cost."

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"We have a grievance committee which presents its report about halfway through the meeting. This is a piece of well-planned humor in the form of clever take-offs on situations which have occurred during the year, including wisecracks on the minister and others who can take them."

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"We hold our annual meeting on New Year's Eve, and have almost 100 per cent attendance. We begin with a family dinner. For the little children, a nursery is provided; for the older ones, motion pictures. At eight o'clock we start our business session. Refreshments are served at ten. Then follows a program of worship and devotions, and we usher in the New Year with the Holy Communion."

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"Great interest is aroused in our meeting by an hour of fun after the business session. One of the items on the program is a test of having the minister introduce everyone who is present. He offers a bar of candy to any whose name he cannot recall, and if he does not miss, he receives a suitable prize. We also have a quiz show and ask questions about the program, organization, membership and growth of the church. Prizes are offered to those who answer correctly, and a singing quartet gives commercials for the church at intervals throughout the session."

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"We get a good attendance by having a pot-luck dinner which is organized by groups, the church furnishing the coffee. One year we had an attendance contest among the organizations, resulting in the presence of 500, overflowing the dining room into every nook and cranny of the church. A check of $25 was awarded to the group with the largest attendance. Another year a prize was given to the group having the most artistic table decorations. Some do not approve such contests, but they create good fellowship."

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"At our annual meeting we honor the church school teachers, the choir members and the newly-elected officers and committees. We seat them at special tables and introduce them so that the church members may become acquainted with their leaders. Under this plan, we always have a good attendance."

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"We do not use an outside speaker to spellbind us on an unrelated subject, but count this as our opportunity to report to the stockholders of the corporation. We do this by mimeographed reports, a review of the constitution and by-laws, and a presentation of the high points of the year by skits, movies and wire and tape-recordings of the actual events. At our last meeting, we

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Individual Gifts Increase

Per Member Contributions From Living Donors

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	GIFTS PER MEMBER					
Religious Body	Budget Benevolence	Denominational Benevolence	Total Benevolence	Congregational Expenses	Total Contributions	Foreign Missions
1. Assemblies of God	8.90 (10)	8.90 (20)	8.90 (22)	.....	8.90 (47)	.....
2. *Baptist, American	3.55 (32)	4.61 (39)	5.82 (38)	26.87 (30)	32.69 (37)	1.07 (30)
3. *Baptist, National	.06 (43)	.10 (46)	.13 (47)	1.79 (44)	1.92 (48)	.05 (40)
4. Baptist, Regular	.....	.....	15.81 (12)	35.24 (14)	51.05 (15)	.....
5. Baptist, Seventh Day	4.99 (25)	5.77 (35)	5.77 (39)	25.00 (31)	30.77 (39)	.....
6. Baptist, Southern	5.01 (23)	5.01 (38)	5.01 (42)	23.52 (34)	28.53 (42)	.82 (35)
7. *Brethren Church	6.34 (17)	6.34 (32)	6.44 (35)	24.88 (32)	31.32 (38)	1.33 (27)
8. *Brethren, Church of	6.01 (18)	10.20 (16)	12.73 (18)	20.93 (41)	33.66 (35)	1.87 (20)
9. Brethren, National Fellowship	.....	21.65 (10)	21.65 (10)	50.66 (5)	72.31 (10)	8.05 (8)
10. Brethren in Christ	22.06 (7)	39.48 (6)	48.17 (5)	28.38 (26)	76.55 (8)	9.91 (5)
11. Catholic, American Syro-Antiochean	8.03 (14)	8.03 (23)	8.11 (26)	8.75 (43)	16.86 (46)	.38 (38)
12. Churches of God in North America	3.26 (37)	4.32 (42)	6.40 (36)	36.05 (13)	42.45 (22)	1.58 (24)
13. *Congregational Christian	3.09 (39)	4.50 (41)	4.50 (44)	35.16 (15)	39.66 (29)	.93 (32)
14. *Disciples of Christ	3.43 (34)	3.95 (44)	4.55 (43)	21.18 (40)	25.73 (44)	.88 (34)
15. *Episcopal, Protestant	5.63 (19)	7.41 (27)	7.41 (30)	35.03 (16)	42.44 (23)	1.65 (22)
16. *Evangelical Congregational	4.48 (27)	7.48 (25)	7.66 (27)	40.82 (11)	48.48 (19)	2.23 (18)
17. *Evangelical and Reformed	2.81 (40)	4.52 (40)	5.58 (40)	27.40 (27)	32.98 (36)	1.34 (26)
18. *Evangelical United Brethren	2.64 (41)	6.14 (33)	6.56 (34)	30.00 (25)	36.56 (33)	3.91 (11)
19. *Friends, (Damascus, Ohio)	.....	.....	.....	.....	74.89 (9)	.....
20. International Foursquare Gospel	4.41 (28)	6.37 (31)	6.37 (37)	34.98 (17)	41.35 (25)	2.82 (17)
21. *Lutheran, American	3.64 (31)	5.75 (36)	7.65 (28)	34.23 (19)	41.88 (24)	.62 (36)
22. *Lutheran, Augustana	3.32 (36)	8.35 (22)	8.35 (25)	32.17 (22)	40.52 (27)	1.41 (25)
23. Lutheran, Evangelical	3.43 (35)	7.47 (26)	14.95 (14)	33.85 (20)	48.80 (18)	1.26 (28)
24. Lutheran, Missouri Synod	3.20 (38)	9.36 (19)	9.36 (21)	40.21 (12)	49.57 (17)	.53 (37)
25. Lutheran, Norwegian Synod	7.33 (15)	7.33 (28)	7.33 (31)	30.16 (24)	37.49 (32)	.31 (39)
26. Lutheran, Suomi Synod	3.54 (33)	3.54 (45)	3.54 (46)	21.59 (39)	25.13 (45)	1.61 (23)
27. *Lutheran, United	3.68 (30)	7.61 (24)	7.61 (29)	26.90 (29)	34.51 (34)	1.67 (21)
28. Lutheran, United Evangelical	5.10 (22)	7.30 (29)	8.62 (24)	42.16 (10)	50.78 (16)	.89 (33)
29. Lutheran, Wisconsin, Other States	4.61 (26)	5.92 (34)	6.81 (33)	23.50 (35)	30.31 (40)	.....
30. Mennonite, Central Conference	.....	22.60 (9)	22.60 (9)	23.29 (36)	45.89 (20)	8.05 (7)
31. Mennonite Church	39.26 (5)	39.26 (8)	39.26 (8)	15.94 (42)	55.20 (13)	8.73 (6)
32. Mennonite, Evangelical	42.92 (3)	42.92 (5)	53.00 (4)	49.10 (7)	102.10 (6)	23.59 (2)
33. *Methodist	2.24 (42)	4.16 (43)	4.16 (45)	21.92 (38)	26.08 (43)	.95 (31)
34. Methodist, Free	27.02 (6)	47.74 (4)	48.11 (6)	121.00 (1)	169.11 (1)	10.58 (4)
35. Methodist, Wesleyan	8.54 (11)	63.30 (3)	73.12 (3)	53.62 (4)	126.74 (3)	3.78 (12)
36. Missionary Church Association	111.95 (1)	111.95 (2)	111.95 (2)	.....	111.95 (4)	22.53 (3)
37. Moravian (Northern Province)	8.37 (12)	8.37 (21)	8.77 (23)	31.26 (23)	40.03 (28)	3.57 (13)
38. *Nazarene, Church of	6 90 (16)	15.13 (12)	17.87 (11)	86.77 (2)	104.64 (5)	4.87 (10)
39. Pentecostal Fire Baptized Holiness	39.38 (4)	39.38 (7)	39.38 (7)	.....	39.38 (31)	.....
40. Presbyterian, Associate Reformed	4.35 (29)	13.62 (13)	13.62 (16)	27.09 (28)	40.71 (26)	.....
41. Presbyterian, Cumberland	5.14 (20)	5.14 (37)	5.14 (41)	23.63 (33)	28.77 (41)	1.20 (29)
42. Presbyterian, Orthodox	15.25 (8)	15.40 (11)	15.49 (13)	67.37 (3)	82.86 (7)	5.94 (9)
43. *Presbyterian, United	5.01 (24)	9.44 (18)	10.27 (20)	34.26 (18)	44.53 (21)	2.96 (15)
44. *Presbyterian, U. S.	11.38 (9)	13.01 (14)	13.96 (15)	42.43 (9)	56.39 (12)	2.95 (16)
45. *Presbyterian, U. S. A.	5.12 (21)	6.93 (30)	6.93 (32)	32.53 (20)	39.46 (30)	2.00 (19)
46. *Reformed in America	8.18 (13)	9.73 (17)	11.82 (19)	43.08 (6)	54.82 (14)	3.41 (14)
47. Seventh-day Adventists	111.22 (2)	114.61 (1)	115.82 (1)	22.46 (37)	138.28 (2)	29.98 (1)
48. United Brethren (Huntington)	.....	12.66 (15)	12.66 (17)	49.62 (6)	62.28 (11)	.....
Average U. S., 1950	4.31	5.96	6.33	24.43	30.58	1.35
Average U. S., 1949	4.22	5.50	6.06	21.53	27.43	1.25
49. *Baptist, Maritime	1.71 (5)	6.46 (3)	6.49 (4)	21.08 (5)	27.57 (4)	1.27 (5)
50. *Baptist, Ontario and Quebec	4.35 (3)	9.43 (1)	9.49 (1)	32.08 (1)	41.57 (1)	1.48 (2)
51. *Baptist, Western Canada	5.09 (1)	7.87 (2)	7.87 (2)	29.11 (2)	36.98 (2)	1.82 (1)
52. *Presbyterian, Canada	3.88 (4)	3.88 (5)	4.19 (5)	23.34 (3)	27.53 (5)	1.34 (3)
53. *United Church of Canada	4.90 (2)	5.78 (4)	6.59 (3)	22.52 (4)	29.11 (3)	1.33 (4)
Average Canada, 1950	4.53	5.73	6.37	23.13	29.49	1.34
Average Canada, 1949	4.26	5.30	6.12	20.82	26.94	1.33
General Average, 1950	4.32	5.95	6.34	24.39	30.55	1.35
General Average, 1949	4.22	5.50	6.06	21.51	27.42	1.26

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emphasized the church school and presented the total teaching program from the kindergarten through high school. Six different tableaux, employing teachers, pupils and audio-visual aids so dramatized the work that the people were thrilled, and left with a composite and comprehensive picture of our activities."

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"At our annual meeting we must remind ourselves constantly that it is God's business we are conducting. On a number of occasions I have noted that impending emotional explosions between individuals on controversial issues have a tendency to disappear when the dignity and humility of a devotional attitude is expressed. There is no substitute for a good chairman. No program should get lost in statistics. The annual meeting should point the way to great achievements."

The Official Call

As in a business corporation, the purpose of the call should be stated clearly:

1. To receive and approve the annual reports of the organizations and officials previously appointed and elected; likewise consideration of recom-

mendations, and adoption of the budget.

2. To elect and appoint such new officers and committees as the by-laws may require, and the needs of the program may suggest. This is done usually on recommendation of a nominating committee previously chosen.

3. To transact such other business as may be deemed proper.

The by-laws should indicate the time, date and place of the meeting. The by-laws may provide that the minister shall preside, except when questions relating to himself are to be considered. In the absence of such provision, the moderator, chairman of the board, or other appropriate officer may be asked to take charge.

Great care should be used in the preparation and conduct of the annual meeting, in order that its deliberations and decisions may represent the will of the church, preserve historical data, and result in harmonious progress. The books of the treasurer should be audited in advance, and approved at the meeting. The records of the church clerk also should be certified.

To Save Time

In a large church which has eighty organizations to report at the annual meeting, the sessions became so tiresome that the chairman of the board of trustees, who was the presiding officer for several years, offered prizes for the three best reports presented most attractively in the shortest time. This aroused keen competition, but had two drawbacks: the spiritual significance of the reports was lost; and there was great nervousness and disappointment on the part of those conscientious chairmen who had worked diligently through the year, only to find that the values of their work were overlooked in the interests of brevity. Then came a new plan: Instead of each report being given in full, all were referred in advance to a reader, and were reviewed at the annual meeting in the same manner as a book review. As a consequence, highlights were emphasized, and praise and appreciation could be given impartially to those who had achieved outstanding results. This saved time, conserved the spiritual values, and was both satisfactory and pleasing to all.

Yearbooks

Numerous churches publish program outlines for the new year. Others add brief histories, official rosters, membership directories and supplemental information that may prove helpful. Such yearbooks are of great value, especially to newer members.

Treasurer's Report

Although many treasurers' reports fail to show the net worth of the church by not listing both capital and current assets and liabilities, highest commendation is due for the businesslike way in which most treasurers review the operating receipts and expenses; and in a majority of cases showing cash balances in the bank. Happy is that church whose treasurer concludes his report "We enter the new year with a balanced budget."

IN THY HAND

Climax of the youth pageant, "In Thy Hand," at Bowling Green University, Ohio. Written and directed by Mildred Hahn. See article starting next page.

The Green Light

One church school superintendent closed her report with this challenge:

YES—We need more space!
YES—We need more teachers!
YES—We need more interested parents!
BUT—We have plenty of children!
AND—We have a living gospel!
SO—What can stop us in our work?

Most Important Message

The most important report is the message of the minister. He has spent much time in brooding over the interests of the church, and knows better than any other person the strength and weakness of the organization. He should express praise and appreciation where deserved; and encouragement as needed. He should summarize the state of the church, especially from the viewpoint of educational and spiritual progress. He should prophesy the future and outline plans of development that will challenge the talents of all.

The number of calls a pastor makes, or meetings attended, or miles traveled, are not as important as the number of new members received, a list of the young men and women sent into Christian service, funerals conducted, baptisms and weddings performed, and the part the church is taking to meet the goals of its denominations.

The Minister's Full-Time Task

In his annual report to the church, one minister said, "I could spend all my time profitably as a student and preacher; or all my time as an administrator; or all my time in pastoral calls and counseling; or all my time in religious education and work with youth; or all my time in service to the community through church-related organizations. But not being able to do that, I give a fifth of my time to each, resulting in the most frustrated professional life known; but I wouldn't give it up for anything in the world, notwithstanding the opinion of some of my laymen that I work only an hour a week on Sunday mornings."

The real test of church progress cannot be reported in written words, but is revealed in the hearts, lives and homes of the members, and their evangelistic influence on the community.

The annual meeting may become not only the harbor of safety to which a heavily-laden ship may come to discharge its cargo after a long and sometimes perilous journey, but it may become the starting point for new adventures which will challenge the souls of men to greater achievements for the Kingdom of God on earth.

Make This a Pageant Year

A Challenge to Pastor and Church Board

*by Mildred B. Hahn**

MAKE this a pageant year in your church, but make it a year of the *new* pageant! Gone are the cheesecloth-costumed *Spirits*, walking on creaking stages and murmuring inaudible lines. But the *new* pageant can enter your church if you will think about and plan for it. Let us see how this can be a pageant year in your church.

The Pageant of Worship

It is the fall season in your church. Your workers are returning from vacation. They have had varied experiences: swimming at the seashore, tramping in the mountains, or rocking in their chairs at home. They need something to draw them together in *oneness*. The pageant of worship will do just that. Let's see how you can work it out. Of course, you can always go to fine books like *Worship Services for Purposeful Living* or *Worship Services in the Fine Arts*;† there the services are done for you. They are excellent for resource materials and for emergency, but the pageant of worship that really counts is one that grows out of your church situation.

The Women's Guild of Second Reformed Church, Reading, Pennsylvania, decided to write its own service together. The cabinet of the Guild began thinking in early September about the theme, *Tracing a New Pattern*. This is what happened. The chairs for all members were arranged in a circle, several rows deep. The chairman of worship arranged a table with the cross in the center of the circle. Each member of the cabinet brought an appropriate symbol of her office to place on the table. One rehearsal was held before the presentation.

TRACING A NEW PATTERN

A PAGEANT OF DEDICATION

THE PARTICIPANTS
- The Pastor
- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Chairmen

SYMBOLS
- Worship—Cross
- Cheer—Cheer card
- Music—Hymnal
- Ways and Means—Dishcloth, vanilla; i. e., something the guild sells
- Membership—Membership card
- Thank offering — Thank offering box
- Citizenship—Newspaper
- World Service—Globe
- Missions—Bible
- Stewardship—Pamphlet

- Cardboard circle
- Mirror
- Minute book
- Offering plate

QUIET MUSIC

WORSHIP CHAIRMAN: We are tracing new patterns of work in our church this year.

The first step is "The Design in Our Hearts."

HYMN: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee."

WORSHIP CHAIRMAN reads Exodus 35:21-26 and says: Our fingers stitch the quiet seams that knit realities with dreams.

PRESIDENT: How do we trace this pattern?

WORSHIP CHAIRMAN: "It is to weave the cloth with threads drawn from your heart."—Gibran
(The chairman talks on the symbol of the cross)

PRESIDENT:
"No woman is born into the world
Whose work is not born with her.
There is always work and tools to use withal for those who will;
And blessed are the horny hands of toil."—J. R. Lowell

I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day.—John 9:4

(President places circle around cross)

WORSHIP CHAIRMAN:
Step II is to "Work on the Design"

PRESIDENT: Chairmen of committees, will you help me in making this circle strong in our design?

CHEER CHAIRMAN:
I will make my good cheer cards,
"Messenger of Sympathy and Love,
Servant of Parted Friends
Consoler of the Lonely" . . .
Bond of the Church Family,
"Promoter of Mutual Acquaintance
Of Peace and Good Will
Among Men and Nations."
—Charles Eliot

(Chairman places cheer card on table)

WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRMAN:
In the story of the Good Samaritan,
The thieves said: "What's yours, is mine; I'll take it."
The Priest and Levite said: "What's mine, is mine; I'll keep it."
Help me to say with the Good Samaritan: "What's mine is ours; let's share it."

(Ways and means chairman places her symbols on table)

MUSIC CHAIRMAN:
(Chairman places Hymnal on table)
To many of us the thought of God is like quiet music, playing in the back of the mind! Let us remember the name Jubal in the Genesis 4. He was father of "all such as handle the harp and organ." Remembering the piano and organ in our church, let us bless the hunter, who, in far African jungles sought elephants' tusks from which these very keys were made. And, in blessing him, let us remember: "You make music of a sort with white keys only, but for true harmony you need the black keys also."—James Aggrey

PRESIDENT:
"Let knowledge grow from more to more;
but more of reverence in us dwell;
That mind and soul, according, well may make one music as before."
—Tennyson

We sing our joy unto our design.

HYMN: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell."

SECRETARY (with minute book and fountain pen in hand):
I bring the written design.
"For words are things, and a small drop of ink
Falling like dew upon a thought produces
That which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think;
'Tis strange, the shortest letter which man uses
Instead of speech, may form a lasting link of ages. —Byron

If all the trees on earth were pens, and if there were seven oceans full of ink,
They still would not suffice to describe
The wonders of the Almighty.
I will write to the Glory of God.
—Mohammed

(She places minute book on table)

VICE-PRESIDENT: Treasurer, we know "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver, and He gave . . ." What is the story of your dedication?

TREASURER: We remember the women of Exodus. The Children of Israel were building a church. A great brass laver with brass feet was needed for the priests to cleanse their hands. All of the brass came from "the looking glasses of women which assembled at the door of the tabernacle." They were not allowed inside! Let us give not something

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†By Alice Bays Abington. Cokesbury, $2.50.

easy to part with but something precious in our eyes.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Let us worship God with our offering (places mirror under cross).

OFFERING: (Treasurer places offering plate on table.)
Music "We Give Thee But Thine Own."

PRESIDENT: We have traced the design in our hearts: we have worked on our design; now we must *enlarge* our design. How shall we do it?

Step III is "Enlarging Our Design."

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:
We can do it through membership.
The Carpenter of Galilee
Comes down the street again,
In every land, in every age,
He still is building men.
On many a night we hear him knock,
He goes from door to door;
"Are any workmen out of work?
The Carpenter needs more."
—Hilda Smith

STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN:
I am a spokesman for Stewardship.
"In God We Trust": it is so written.
The writing goes onto every silver dollar.
The fact: God is the great God who made us all.
"We" is you and me and all of us in the United States of America.
And trusting God means we give ourselves, all of ourselves, the whole United States of America to God, the great One.
Yes . . . perhaps . . . is that so?
—Carl Sandburg

(Chairman places pamphlet on table)

THANK OFFERING
CHAIRMAN: Now thank God.
We thank God by placing our Thank Offerings for mankind.
"No man is an island, entire in itself; I am involved in mankind." I give thanks that I can work with mankind thankfully.
(Chairman places box on table)

CITIZENSHIP CHAIRMAN: Citizenship puts the news in our design. The test of citizenship "is not the census, not the size of its cities, nor the crops, but in the kind of men and women it turns out."
(Chairman places newspaper on table)

PRESIDENT: Now from our own citizenship, and thankfulness we show through missions and world service.

WORLD SERVICE CHAIRMAN: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath appointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor."

MISSIONS CHAIRMAN: Throughout India, Japan, all China, and all Europe the Kingdom of God could become their only reality. He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted.

WORLD SERVICE: The Displaced Persons, the castaways of war.

MISSION: To preach deliverance to captives.

WORLD SERVICE: The Germans, the Japanese, the Chinese.

MISSIONS: And recovery of sight to the blind.

WORLD SERVICE: The blind followers of Communism.

MISSIONS: To set at liberty them that are bruised.

WORLD SERVICE: The United Nations and Cooperative Missions in the hand of God.

MISSIONS: This day is the scripture fulfilled in your ears.

BOTH CHAIRMEN (placing Bible and globe on table): Let the beauty of the Lord, our God, be upon us; and establish Thou the Word of our hands; yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it.
—Psalm 90:17

HYMN: "I Bind My Heart This Tide"

PRESIDENT:

Part IV says "All of Us, a Part of God's Design."

Consecration of officers and department chairmen—the pastor

PRESIDENT:
Benediction
"Lord, make us instruments of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy.

"Oh, Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life." Amen.
—St. Francis of Assisi

The pageant was really effective. It united not only officers and chairmen but the entire guild in making the new pattern for the year.

This kind of worship pageant should be used not only with adults but with youth and children as well.

The Christmas Pageant

Autumn passes quickly. Thoughts turn to the Christmas celebration. More formal production than that of the worship drama is required but the same common feeling between audience and participants must be built. That requires special preparation before the pageant. At St. Mark's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Easton, Pennsylvania, "Christus: A Mystery" from *The Golden Legend* by Henry W. Longfellow, was arranged for production. It could have been produced by a small group of twelve actors in the old, but not in the *new* pageant technique. Instead, the children of the junior choir became interested in rehearsing "I Heard the Bells of Christmas Say." The senior choir explored the script and found places for early church chants. The artists of the church were absorbed in designing and making the symbols for the constellations. The Men's Bible Class had step units to construct so that the beautiful "stars" from the junior and senior high school could be elevated. The Young Couples' Class took leading roles and helped with the costumes, which were not burlap and cheesecloth. Before the production date came, every department of the church had become *one* in a united effort to lead people of 1950 to the manger. That is the new pageant of Christmas.

The Easter Pageant

Techniques of the Christmas apply equally well at Easter, but the type of pageant changes with the mood of the season. Pagans celebrate this season with an Easter pageant on Fifth Avenue; that is one kind. Another, mediocre in contrast, is the old-time church pageant of the Easter season. Many of these poorly-written Easter dramas are published today; many of our churches try to produce them, whether or not they are worshipful. The criteria for these poor pageants are long speeches, misplaced scriptural passages, impossible situations, stilted characters, and unrelated scenes. But the *new* Easter pageant has neither pagan nor old-time connotations. The real Easter pageant demands that congregation and participants feel the triumph of "Christ is risen."

One example will illustrate the point. At the end of World War II, not all men of the armed forces returned home. Easter was difficult; some vital reassurances of faith were needed. Perceiving the need, one church selected *A cloud of Witnesses* by Esther Willard Bates. In the script, heavenly witnesses, including a soldier, return to their earthly church to give encouragement. Beautiful as the drama was, it lacked something to make it an inspiring part of church life. The pageant idea came in. First, a carefully prepared worship service, offering common sympathy to the bereaved of the congregation, built to the drama. To this fellowship of sympathy came *The Cloud of Witnesses* who spurred on each one of the living members to personal dedication. The man who came bowed in grief left the church with a new sense of consecration.

Let Easter be an awakening in your church. Produce a pageant of artistic beauty in the spirit of worship. Thus, you and your church become *one* as religion comes alive.‡

The Anniversary Pageant

Your real opportunity to have a pageant year comes when you celebrate an anniversary in your local church. To produce the new pageant in your church

‡Suggestions for plays and pageants of all seasons of the church year can be secured from "Best Plays for the Church," sixty cents. (Christian Education Press, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.)

demands special considerations in writing and production.

Writing the Pageant—A Motivated Effort

Let us suppose that there is to be an anniversary celebration in your church. You should be thinking about the anniversary pageant one year before you plan to produce. There will be two inevitable results: Enthusiasm will mount as the year progresses; production chairmen will have an opportunity to organize equipment and interests of the congregation on large scale.

Now find a pageant writer. Look around in your church. Surely there is someone who can fulfill these qualifications: (1) ability to write; (2) training in dramatics; (3) devotion to church; (4) enthusiasm for the pageant. If no one in the local congregation can qualify, write *Church Management* for suggestions.

With a writer in mind, appoint a local research or historical committee to gather material from every possible source: interviews with old members, old clippings, programs, and directories. After two months of research, the committee meets to sift material. The events are arranged in chronological order and submitted to the writer.

The pageant writer now takes over. First, he must select the climactic moments in the history. The writer must keep an objective viewpoint so that highlights, not events of incidental interest, are treated. You say, "This is the process of pageantry used for hundreds of years."

You are right, for the writer usually presented a series of highlights in chronological order; that was the completed pageant of the old type. But the writer of the new pageant looks more intimately into the motives that have dominated these highlights. He delves into the deep feelings of founders. He discovers what faith and fervor stimulated builders of the church to overcome difficulties. These "master motives" he weaves into the highlights of the new pageant. Thus, the writer interprets the past, not merely as a calvacade, but as a challenge to serve today.

By way of illustration, in Riegelsville, Pennsylvania, St. John Evangelical and Reformed Church was to celebrate its two hundredth anniversary. The writer of this article was asked to be the writer-director of a pageant for the occasion. The historical committee had collected and compiled volumes of material. Highlights were selected. Then came the big moment of the writer. What was the motivating force in a history packed with service in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars? Was it war? No, there was a deeper motive. It was easily found by examining the story of the Riegel family itself. All members had been millers by trade and millers in church, as they planted, reaped, and ground wheat which fed not only body but soul. Thus, the title, "The Millers of Riegelsville," evolved. The pageant showed symbolically how millers in every generation had planted good seed in good ground that brought forth good grain. This central motive led to a beautiful climax in which the congregation was challenged to produce a greater harvest for the future.

The writer of the new pageant has two further obligations, before and after the presentation. (1) He makes congregation and actors one in feeling as participants before the pageant. For this reason, the writer does not count on "Curtain at 8:30;" he has work to do before the curtain. He must arrange a worship service to lead everyone in the church to the pageant. In *The Millers of Riegelsville* the congregation and actors sang together, heard the Parable of the Sower, and, together, offered their talents in prayer. Yes, the participants were one before the curtain.

(2) The writer's second obligation is at the end of the pageant. He brings the congregation to dedication, to ideals portrayed in the pageant. In *The Millers*, the congregation was challenged by the millers of the early church; their dedication was spoken by descendants who vowed to live the faith of their fathers.

There, Mr. Pastor and church board, is the outlook for your writer of the new church pageant. Plans for producing the pageant involve greater details—and cooperation.

Producing the Pageant—A Cooperative Effort

In the same way that you began looking for a writer one year before the anniversary production, so you must secure the services of a pageant director, one year before the production. This director must have special qualifications. Of course, he must have technical skill; he must enjoy working with people who are not skilled but who have enthusiasm and love of their church; he must love the church above the theatre.

The ideal situation is to have the writer direct the pageant. Often this is impossible, either because the writer is not available or is not technically qualified. Who the director is does not matter, just so long as he is not a "czar" or dictator. He must realize, right from the beginning, that his role as director is one of counselor or guide. In fact, he is the director of cooperation with his actors, production staff, business staff, and congregation.

Cooperation With Actors

The hardest job that your director will have, is to swallow his desire for trained personnel and to substitute joy in cooperation with unskilled actors. *The Millers of Riegelsville* cast had no stars. Instead, bankers, factory workers, artists, engineers, clerks, school teachers, farmers, and children worked together. The satisfaction of seeing all classes and ages cooperating was sufficient reward for any director. It was such a nice experience in cooperative living!

Another adjustment that your director must make is this: He must use all of his technical skill, but he must remember that his more important function is building morale. As goes the pageant director, so goes the cast. A mild enthusiasm on his part or the traditional "down-in-mouth" coach attitude will not stimulate a pageant cast to a good performance. The director of the pageant has a kind of neighborly attitude toward every member of the cast—cooperation in its highest form.

Cooperation With the Production Staff

As soon as your ideal director has been selected, then the pastor, board, historical committee meet with him to select the production staff. (No matter how small the church is, this meeting is essential.) The purpose is to review a cross-section of the church membership in order to find all carpenters, electricians, dressmakers, artists, and musicians. The production staff must not be a small clique of theatre specialists, but a large group of people who are dedicating their everyday trades to the church.

List your production staff and their duties:

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR — Prompter, secretary to director, call boy at rehearsals and performances.

CASTING COMMITTEE—Selects people for roles. Interviews and introduces them to director.

Note: Intrinsic value is added if descendants are able to play roles of ancestors.

STAGING COMMITTEE—Carpenters and artists to arrange stage settings.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE—Good electricians who abide by Underwriters' laws. (Good directors design their own lighting.)

COSTUMING COMMITTEE — Dressmakers of the congregation.

Note: Heirloom costumes used should be listed on the program. Men's period costumes should be rented from a costume house.

(They are never satisfactorily imi-

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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM PAYS WELL

The United Canvass Came to Town

By James E. Doty *

DR. C. M. "PAT" McCONNELL, lovable humorist called "the Will Rogers of the ministry," once spoke to our class in seminary.

"Now, boys, I'm going to talk out of my own experience because it's the only one I've ever had!"

That is what I wish to do with a testimony of the United Church Canvass in our town.

Crombie Street Church of approximately 200 members had carried on (or perhaps more truthfully should have "carried out") a flimsy, flabby financial program for its more than 115 years of existence. Rich people had died. The pew system was abandoned. "Our people won't sign a pledge card so there is no sense in trying," I was told at the first finance meeting I attended after assuming the pastorate. "Besides our people are doing all they can do!" This latter statement was equal in emphasis to the former one!

What was the financial picture at that first meeting? Eighty-nine people supported the church in a loosely planned fashion; by sending out an annual letter the finance committee was assured of $2800 for current expenses and $250 for missions. The budget was approximately $6000. Where did the additional $3000 come from? They put on bean suppers every Saturday night during the fall and winter! Someone facetiously dubbed the church "St. Crombie by the Bean Pot." The women had endless rubbish—I mean, rummage sales, fairs and luncheons. The youth had to dig in, too, with plays and refreshments and then to add variety to their endeavors they dug in with refreshments and plays. It was a ceaseless round of schemes just to pay the pastor and the coal bill and the insurance. The first meeting I attended was facing a deficit of over $600 in unpaid bills with the coal bill not yet received. Treasurers in the past had quit in complete frustration because there was no money. Then something happened to "St. Crombie by the Bean Pot" and to Salem with its thirteen Protestant churches.

Rev. W. Henry Shillington came to Salem as the pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church. He had been serving a church in Newton, Massachusetts, where nearly forty churches had united on a church canvass. I can still see his look of unbelief when a Salem minister said to him: "It might have worked in Newton, but it won't work here!" Enough of us felt that it had to work or else. When "or else" is added to anything, miracles normally begin to happen and they did!

Let me chart for you what has happened in Crombie Street during the past three years:

When your budget is completely underwritten by pledges for the first time in 117 years, as it was done in the second year of the UCC, the results are not wholly financial but marvelous overtones of spiritual stewardship begin to be felt for the first time. When the entire incoming membership class of twelve young people at Easter pledge to tithe, the results cannot be measured in nickels or dimes or quarters.

How was this accomplished? It was accomplished because our church had to "or else," and we chose to do it with a determination that was God-directed.

I. Planned Education

If your church people are going to pledge anything, they have to be convinced. You don't convince them in a twenty-minute interview on "Loyalty Sunday" in their homes. If they have not been convinced before the canvasser calls, the chances are ten to one they won't be.

Planned education starts well in advance of "Loyalty Sunday." It is suggested that a key layman be appointed to work with the pastor on details of strategy. He becomes the canvass chairman of his church. Three letters are sent out at intervals of approximately one week apart to every member and friend of the parish. Let me give you a schedule we used in November, 1950. We agreed that "Loyalty Sunday" would be November 19. Using that as our date, we planned to send out a letter written by the canvass chairman for the city on November 2 announcing the canvass. This was done on canvass stationery with the appropriate letterhead. All canvass materials can be obtained from United Church Canvass, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

On November 7 a second letter was sent which included a copy of the "Spiritualized Budget," of which I shall speak more later, and the four-page brochure obtainable from canvass headquarters. This letter is usually signed by the canvass chairman. November 14 was the date for the third letter written by the pastor emphasizing the importance of each person's being in his place the following Sunday. The special music, the commissioning of the canvassers, the special sermon are all attractions that can be pointed out. A clever reminder card can be inserted in the mailing or be mailed two days later with a penny stamp. In this way the people expect the canvasser and will stay at home on the afternoon of "Loyalty Sunday."

Planned education doesn't happen, it is *planned!*

II. "The Spiritualized Budget"

I think this plan represents the ecumenical movement, for I am a Methodist minister serving a Congregational church and we "borrowed" the spiritualized budget from the Presbyterians!

So enthusiastic was the endorsement of this welcomed departure from the old cataloging of salary, heat, light, insurance, and music that more than one hundred churches in Massachusetts requested its form and used it.

The Spiritualized Way

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are lost and bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Our share in this glorious mission is as follows:

1. For the preaching of the gospel, administration of the sacraments, and pastoral care of the homes $_____
2. For the ministry of sacred music and care of our organ $_____
3. For the affairs of the administration of our parish, for calendars, printing, postage, to keep us informed

*Minister, Crombie Street Congregational Church, Salem, Massachusetts.

concerning our church and its program $------

4. For the constant care of God's house that it may be warm, clean, light and useful for our parish program of worship and activities and our parish house $------

5. For the maintenance of God's house with necessary unforeseen repairs $------

6. That our church may be protected from damage $------

7. For the continuation of the financial credit of our church on our obligations and dues $------

Total amount required this year for our own church $------

Inasmuch as our church has a worldwide program of evangelism in Jesus' name, the share of our church for this glorious work for the year is $------

How much should I give? The Bible says a tenth, yet your standing committee feels the work of our church could be underwritten if each person gave a minimum of 2½% of his income:

Income	*Weekly Pledge*
$1500	$ .70
2000	.95
2500	1.20
3000	1.45
3500	1.70
4000	1.90
5000	2.40
6000	2.90

"This year we are pledging more, so that our church can do more."

In another issue of *Church Management* I shall deal with the training of canvassers, publicity that pays, and how to organize a group of churches or a council into the United Church Canvass in YOUR town.

THEY PROMOTE UNITED CANVASS

Salem, Massachusetts, ministers plan daily watch radio programs. Author is second from left in front row.

Below: The chart shows gains made by the Crombie Street Congregational Church under the UCC (United Church Canvass).

	Before UCC	1st Yr. (of UCC)	2nd Yr.	3rd Yr.
		(UCC—United Church Canvass)		
Current expenses	$2800	$4400	$7000	$8300
Missions	250	600	1100	1600
No. of pledges	89	130	155	180

Make This a Pageant Year

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tated by amateur tailors.)

MAKE-UP COMMITTEE—A make-up artist and assistants. These people must be trained. It is better to use no make-up than make-up done badly.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE — A manager and a large committee to collect furniture, hand properties, etc. Authentic properties add interest always.

MUSIC COMMITTEE—The choir directors, organist, choir officers, and church music committee. In cooperation with writer and director, they select and prepare music.

Thus, the production staff of the pageant takes on real importance when heretofore "forgotten" people become a vital part of backstage—and their cooperation is recognized.

Cooperation With the Business Staff

Like all commercial productions, the church pageant should be run on sound business principles. The church or anniversary celebration treasurer chooses his staff: press, program, usher, and budget committees. The first three are usually a part of the church organization; the budget committee is sometimes forgotten. The budget committee should consult the production staff concerning cast; then both can estimate prospective expenses and ways of financing the pageant. While the goal of the production is not to make money, the after-tone of the well-financed pageant is always pleasant. Early cooperation with the business staff produces dividends.

Cooperation With the Congregation

The director of cooperation has one more important function: He should live as a part of the congregation. The old adage, "To know people is to love people," holds here. To the pageant director, the congregation is not a theatrical troupe but a family of God's people—one of whom is the director himself. This is his greatest personal satisfaction; namely, that he is a part of this family of believers, who, through the medium of drama, bring Christ's kingdom nearer earth.

Make this year a new pageant year in your church! Your church will be enriched in worship. You will be inspired to dedicate yourself anew to work in Christ's church. Yes, you must make this a pageant year!

TAPE RECORDER CARRIED GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

I discovered that many of my members had not heard of the series of transcriptions either because of lack of interest or opportunity, so I arranged with our local Toledo, Ohio, Council of Churches to borrow the records.

The large, slow-playing records can be used if one has a radio type turntable, but that was difficult to arrange. But one of our young men works in a radio station and during his spare time he played the records on a turntable at the station and recorded the programs on his tape recorder.

Then it was an easy matter to carry the recorder to a variety of organizational meetings in the congregation. Since each program was fifteen minutes, I could easily use two at a single meeting. It was a novel program and was heard with great interest.

I prefaced the program with a short "commercial" indicating the relationship between what they were about to hear and our church's program. The idea is simple enough for any congregation to adopt. And I think they will find it most helpful in giving people a world view of the kind Christians should have.

John Schmidt,
Lutheran World Federation,
Geneva, Switzerland

Cast-Iron Budgets

by Norman E. Nygaard *

ONE of the greatest advances in church financing came some years ago with what came to be known as the "unified budget." The unified budget did for the church what the Community Chest did for the community. It put all of the normal askings for a year into one single approach to the church membership. Often, when securing the adoption of the unified budget plan, church officers made a pledge to the congregation that they would not come with other askings through the year.

However, despite many advantages under the unified budget mission, enterprises have frequently suffered for, in the event that the budget was not fully subscribed, boards of trustees have sometimes taken the shortages out of missionary giving. After all, the missionaries are a long way off and the gasman and the tenor are near at hand to demand remuneration for their services. Nor have benevolences alone suffered. Sometimes the church program itself has had to be curtailed when a serious effort was not made during the every-member canvass period to reach all the communicants in the church fellowship and adequately present to them the church's needs.

On the whole, however, the unified budget plan has worked out very well, just as the Community Chest proved a great advance over earlier methods of financing enterprises connected with civic relief or character-building agencies.

But one great handicap has gradually emerged in connection with the unified budget. Some groups of church officers have bent over backwards in their endeavor to keep away from the church, except at one time in the year, any mention of giving any reference to the great causes in which the church is interested.

The denomination launches a great humanitarian crusade. Through some mischance it was not presented to the trustees when the budget was made up. "Sorry," these worthies say, "We're strongly in favor of that cause but we can't allow any presentation of it to be made. The unified budget, you know."

A denominational college is expanding its program. Its needs were not included in the unified budget. "Too bad! We can't do anything for you this year. Maybe next year, if you'll present the matter to the board . . ."

This attitude is as logical as would be that of a father who, if his son were stricken with appendicitis in June, would say, "Sorry, young fellow, but an appendectomy isn't in the budget. Now, if you'll make your application for an operation on December first we'll have a meeting of the family budget committee on the fifteenth and we'll probably authorize an operation for sometime in January if we find that our budget for the new year can be stretched to accommodate it."

The unified budget is designed properly to guard against illogical spending and also against constant petty appeals for funds. The choir wants to purchase some additional anthems. The youth department superintendent finds a new hymn book that she likes and decides that her group just must have it. The Women's Society suddenly decides that they need a television set for the church lounge. The soprano wants a raise in salary. The janitor needs a new set of brooms and brushes for cleaning purposes. One Sunday there is an appeal for one purpose. Next Sunday there is an appeal for another. And a whole host of outside agencies come in with their requests: a downtown mission, the Anti-Saloon League, the local Council of Churches, the Gideons, a peace crusade, etc. Every one of these groups would like to have a Sunday set aside when they could make an appeal. Yet all of these requests should and can be presented once yearly to the budget committee and recommendations made by them to the responsible boards and ultimately to the congregation. But such needs can always be anticipated in advance. They recur yearly.

It is among worthy non-recurring needs where there is sometimes a necessity that they be given special consideration and that some additional program be devised for challenging the church to respond to them.

Even the unified budget should become sufficiently flexible to admit of special presentations whenever they are needed.

And a further point should be made: if the unified budget fails to challenge a congregation sufficiently for great missionary enterprises then such enterprises should be given special consideration and a time for special appeal. One reason why the unified budget sometimes fails is because certain of the great Christian causes need to be brought frequently to the attention of the members of a congregation.

The Ford Automobile Company, for instance, does not confine its advertising to the month when it brings out a new car. It advertises all the year long. It uses newspapers, magazines, billboards, the radio, television. It keeps the word "Ford" fixed in people's minds. Tobacco companies keep pressing for decisions to switch to their brand of cigarettes. They and a host of other concerns have discovered that they must keep their products constantly before the public by every conceivable medium of advertising.

We frequently forget that in our work in the church. From the beginning of one budget period to the opening of another we forget that people must keep hearing about missions if they are to remain interested in them, that they must have the cause of Christian education frequently presented if they are to give to it. We try the one-shot method with the unified budget and it frequently fails.

Some ten years ago the Presbyterian churches of Southern California, most of them under the unified budget plan, decided that the great benevolent causes of the church were being neglected in the unified budget approach and they secured the consent of the vast majority of their member churches to present the four great denominational benevolent causes singly on four different occasions every year, taking four special offerings. Immediately benevolent giving shot up.

To be sure, some Presbyterians immediately began to shout, "The church is always talking about money," but they were the same people who never want to be reminded that one of the marks of a Christian in his response to the appeals to give to noble causes which come to him. In the main they were the free-riders who would drop a nickel or a dime in the offering plate when it passed and felt that they were doing uncommonly well by the Almighty to give him a Sunday tip.

The unified budget is an excellent way to handle church finance. But the church must never let even such a good plan stand in the way of adequately challenging the church membership to give to the causes which should fire the imagination of all true Christians.

*Presbyterian clergyman, fund-raising leader.

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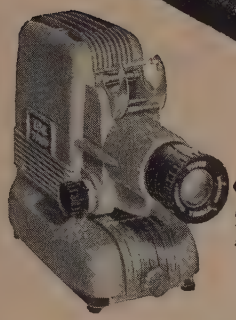

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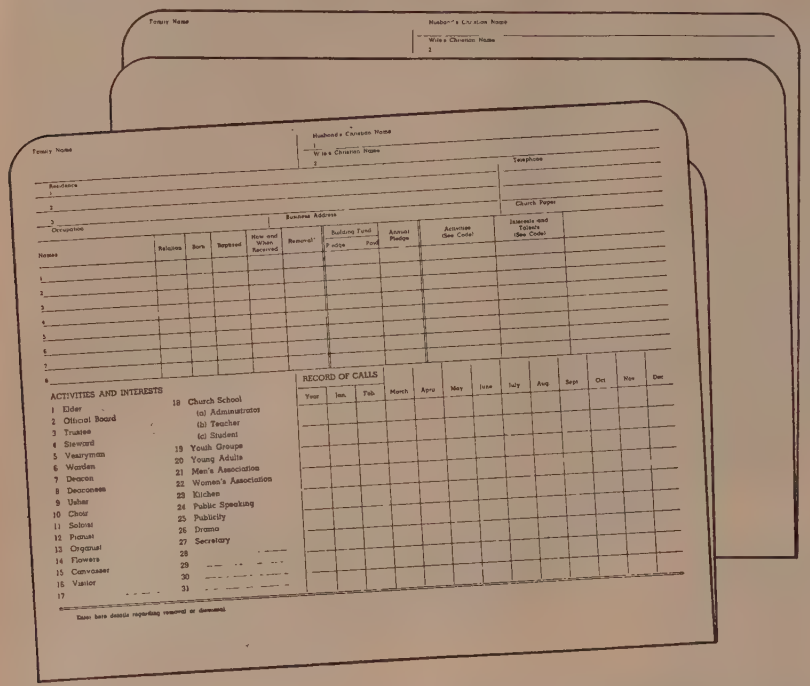

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That's What They Say of This Simple, Complete Method

*by John W. Meister**

WHAT system of record-keeping will help most in the management of a church? We have all had experiences with systems of filing parish information which were so clumsy that they consumed more time than they saved. And what is more frustrating than to spend long hours building a system only to find that the information which is most needed is not on file?

The system which will prove truly helpful must be comprehensive—bringing together *all* of the necessary information. It must be simple—simple to operate and simple to use. It must be economical—a time-saver and a money-saver. If a system offers all of these advantages plus the added virtue of being compact, then certainly it will serve well.

We who manage the parish activities of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana, believe we have developed such a system. We have been working it a bare six months and already it works for us. I rather imagine it has already saved as much time as it cost us to establish it.

We began by determining exactly what information we would collect. These things a pastor and his staff must know: the name and address of every family; the occupation of the main wage-earner; the full name of every member together with a record of his birth, baptism, reception into our church and removal from our church; and the dates of every pastoral visit.

For reasons of our own we concluded that we would keep in the master file a record of each member's pledge to our current expense fund and to our building fund.

We also decided to collect all the information we could about the past church activities and future parish interests of each member. In other words, we would seek to know what each member had done in the way of serving the church and what each member would be willing to do in the future.

Having determined the nature of the information we must have, we next sought to develop a form which would bring all of the needed information together. After many false starts we finally settled upon the form which is reproduced with this article. It is important to note that the form is printed on the inside of a letter-size manila folder.

Careful scrutiny reveals that this form provides for all of the facts we have listed above. In addition it allows space to record two changes in residence address, the business address of the main wage-earner, and the name of the church paper coming into the home.

In the lower left corner is printed a list of the activities included in our parish program. Each is numbered. If a person has shared one of the activities, we put that number under "Activities." If a person indicates he would like to share one of the activities in the future, we put that number under "Interests and Talents." By marking each chart with appropriate metal tabs we are able to tell at a glance where to find a person who has served or who is willing to serve as, say, a church school teacher or an usher.

We happen to have two ministers who make pastoral calls. Accordingly, one of us keeps his record of pastoral visits in red pencil and the other keeps his in blue ink. In this way we are able to know who visited which families when. In order to insure that every resident family is visited, we place a red metal tab at the upper right corner of the folder. When a minister calls in a home, he moves the tab to the left corner. Until all of the red tabs are in the left corner we know we have not visited in every home.

In the case of non-resident families we place a red tab at the top-center of the folder. These persons we attempt to locate in churches near their new homes.

Printing the form on the inside of a letter-size manila folder has proved practical and worthwhile. For one thing, we have enough room in each space to type the information of permanent value or to pencil in the facts that change—e. g. building fund pledges and payments. Then there is ample space on other parts of the folder to write additional data which we deem worth keeping. And there is the consideration that any conventional vertical letter file will house such a filing system—it requires no special drawers or cabinets.

Perhaps the greatest advantage—

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since all of the foregoing could be accomplished on a card the same size—is the folder itself. We file absolutely every item pertaining to a member in his family folder — correspondence, newspaper clippings and counseling case histories (duly camouflaged, of course).

We worked long and hard to develop the system, gather the information, and fill out the original charts. It meant mailing a mimeographed questionnaire to every member of the church. It meant telephoning or visiting the people who did not return their questionnaire. It meant typing the information thus gathered onto the folder-charts. But virtually all of this detail work was done during the otherwise slack months of July and August.

When September came we were glad we had worked so hard, for the system began to work for us. It almost shouts to us the calls to be made, the volunteers for the parish program, and the answers to a hundred questions we ask every day. In the space of six short months the drawer housing these six hundred and fifty folders has become the most valuable piece of "furniture" in our church office.

TAPE RECORDER TO LIST VISITORS

After service on Sunday mornings, as the congregation leaves, I stand at the door to greet them. When the last worshipper has departed my poor head is usually buzzing with things that have been told me by the worshippers: "so and so is sick," "will you please call on this person or that," "will you put this in the church bulletin next week," "will you attend this or that committee meeting this week"—so many little things to remember and if they are not immediately noted, forgotten. If a tape recorder were inconspicuously placed in the vestibule, it would be easy to record the questions, requests, etc., just as they are spoken.

An even more imperative need I am feeling just now is the recording of the names of the many new people who come to church each week in our booming suburban town. I am currently asking my head usher to stand by and I refer new people to him that their names and addresses can be written down. Very many new members have been gotten from this inital contact. An even better method, modern, and personal would be to ask the new people who come each week just to speak their names and addresses into the microphone. Certainly they would be impressed with the church's ingenuity and it would save the awkward, time consuming method. Pearce A. Smith,

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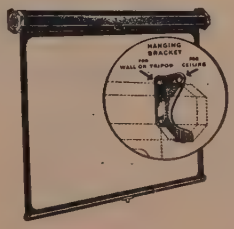

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GETTING THE MOST FROM A GOOD SYSTEM

Records Do Not Work Themselves

*By Ross Cannon**

A GOOD system of parish records is essential in any church. But the installation of a system is not enough. There must be a plan and personnel to make it work. We think that we have developed a procedure in our church for pastoral efficiency.

When we learn of the arrival of a new family in our community we immediately mail out a letter of welcome. It is a very simple letter which is accompanied with a card outlining the activities of the church.

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hilburn:

I am writing to welcome you to our village and to this church. I am enclosing a card which describes the church and its activities. I hope that you will visit us soon.

Sincerely,
Ross Cannon

A Simple Letter Goes to Newcomers

At the time the information from the new arrival has been secured and the letter mailed, all available information is placed on a 3"x5" blank card.

The card would then look like this:

DOE, John R.
123 Central Street
Arrived 6/2 from Searsdale
Wil 123
2 adults—1 b-5, 1 b-7
Congregational
Letter and card sent 9/13/51

This card is usually handed to chairman of the membership committee who makes the first official call on the family. After the call has been made the card is returned for further use. It will then look like this:

DOE, John R.
123 Central Street
Wil 123
2 adults—1 g-5, 1 b-7
Congregational
Letter and card sent 9/13/51
SBL 9/20 out—left card
SBL. Very interested. Husband sings.
Invite wife to October guild.

This family has now shown a definite interest in our church. The information gathered is now transferred to a white card, 5½"x8", in our Kardex system. The card then goes into what we call our Cultivation File. The 3"x5" with the information shown above is passed on to the deaconess board. There it is assigned to one member for a further call. This caller reports back with further information. This is transferred to the cultivation card. Next the 3"x5" card is referred to one of the circles of the Women's Guild who definitely invites Mrs. Doe to attend a meeting of the circle. Let us now assume here that this prospect is interested. The Kardex is then removed from the cultivation file and placed in the prospect file.

If, on the other hand, these several visits find no interest in our church the little card goes into a file called "retired" and further calls are not made. Such a report would look like this:

ROE, Samuel C.
456 Lake Avenue
Wil 456
3 adults—b-14, baby 6 mos.
Arrived 9/12/45 from San Francisco
Expressed no preference
Letter and card sent 9/13/45
SBL 9/22. Nice people
Interesting visit. Are definitely
Presby. and feel they should attend
their own church

Now to get back to the family that is interested in our own church. As soon as any one member of the family joins one or more of the groups in the church, the information on the white Kardex card is tranferred to yellow card of the same size and supplementary information placed on it. This is placed in the current family file and the white card destroyed. At the same time an addressograph plate is made for the individual. There would be one exception to this. If the interested member is a child who comes to the church school we would make a yellow card for the child but retain the white card for the family until such a time as the older people show an interest. When that is realized the white card is destroyed.

This family is still a non-member affiliate. The card is flagged for that information. This keeps the minister's attention. When finally the family does join the church, the yellow card is properly annotated and the card removed from the prospect list to the active files.

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You will not find here such a church in its perfection, but perhaps you can help build it where this is held as the ideal.

As a member you can help more effectively than as an outsider.

This is a place where you can give of yourself that spiritual values may hold their true place in society, and where at the same time you can receive inspiration and help.

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Front of the invitation enclosed. The back of the card carried a directory of the church organizations.

Flagging a Member

When a member moves away from the village or discontinues attending church or any church group, or stops subscribing, the green flag indicating he is a member is moved to the right, next to his name, indicating that his interest is lagging. After the green flag remains in this position for a certain stated length of time a letter is written to the inactive member asking whether his membership should be discontinued or not. If he replies that he wishes to continue his membership the flag is moved back to its original position; if he does not reply within a stated period another letter is written and if that is not answered within a stated period his name is submitted to the board of deacons for recommendation to be dropped; if he states that he wishes to be dropped his Kardex with that information on it is retired to the "Members-Retired" file. When a member is dropped by ac-

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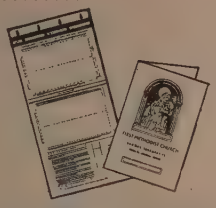

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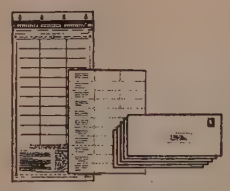

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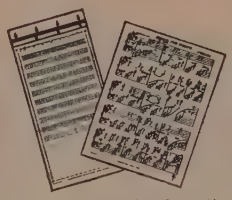

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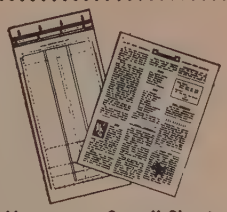

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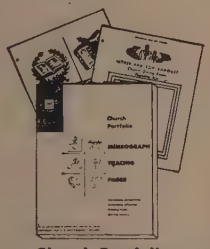

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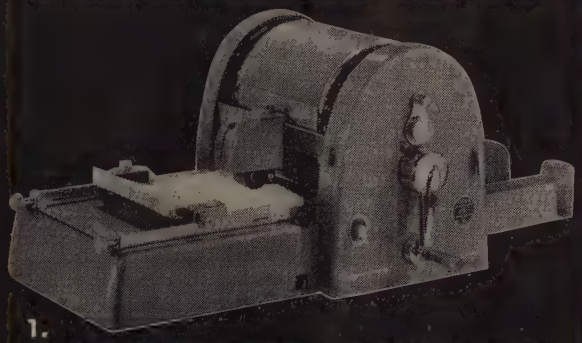

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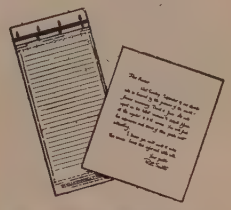

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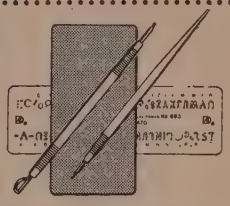

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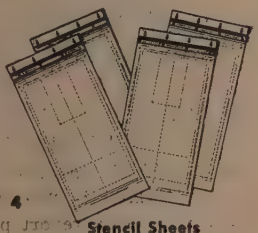

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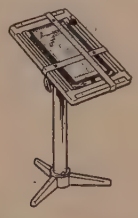

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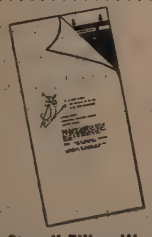

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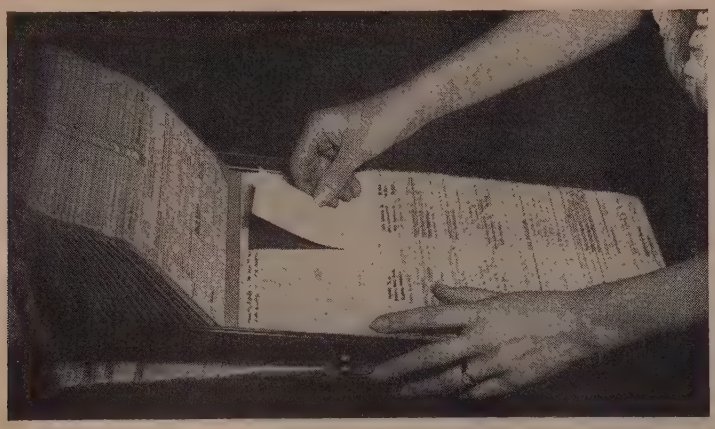

Church secretary at Delmar Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, tears off the quarterly statement of a contributor

Efficiency in Operation

*By Lewis T. Bolger**

EFFICIENCY is a term that the layman doesn't usually connect with a church office, but quite often these offices can be better regulated and equipped for control operations than are a great many offices of the businessmen in the congregation.

The very nature of the church's office procedure necessitates rigid control. Pledges and pledge payments, for one, being the church's livelihood, must be an efficient record; complete and accurate. Pastoral control, for another, must be maintained because contact with all members of the congregation is a vital factor in church management.

The Delmar Baptist Church in St. Louis didn't always have a well-regulated routine of maintaining their records. There was a time not so long ago when their 1,000 members' pledge records were kept in a vertical card file and the membership record was housed in loose-leaf books.

In their decision to simplify the operations of the office, Kardex cabinets and forms (Remington Rand) were installed. The financial and membership records were combined, with the result that the secretary of the church could keep the two records in addition to her other duties. And because of visible margin indexing, at-a-glance review of vital church records is provided for the pastor, Edwin T. Dahlberg, and for the church officers.

Efficiency in Design

The record consists of two forms. A permanent (yellow) card contains the complete pertinent data of the family and is filed in the back (upper) pocket. The bottom pocket carries the pledge payment form, in duplicate. This form is divided into four sections, each section showing the name, address, envelope number, yearly and quarterly pledge, and special pledges. The 13 Sundays in each quarter are posted too as the weekly pledge envelopes are opened. The amount given for the quarter and the balance due or overpaid are totalled to show the "Total Balance Due Now."

The original of this form is perforated and each quarter the member is sent a copy of his donations of the last quarter. The duplicate is filed away at the end of the year. (The members may refer to it, if they wish, for tax purposes.) The visible margin title insert carries the member's name and address.

The Kardex cabinets are fitted with 50 pockets which overlap. The lower edges of the pockets are tipped with clear transparent plastic designed to hold the cards firmly, yet allowing for easy removal and insertion of the cards.

Keeping this record up-to-date is a simple operation, because the file is adjustable. When a member is dropped for any reason, the card is pulled and the pocket removed. It is then put in the bottom of the panel and can be reinserted anywhere in the file for the inclusion of new members.

Efficiency in Operation

This principle of visibility and flexibility allows Miss Lois Brackman, the church secretary, to quickly and easily find the pledge record when she is posting the envelopes, and thus posting time is cut appreciably. The record is much easier to post to; it is neater, more concise and combines *full* visibility, without removing the card from the file. The panel (slide) can be taken out of the cabinet for use in another part of the office when only one portion of the record is needed.

The benefits received from this procedure far exceeded Delmar Baptist Church officials' expectations. The billing having been simplified to the minimum, yet the comprehensive, accurate statements combined with complete membership records give Delmar Baptist Church the basic information needed in their church records.

*Dover, New Jersey.

Records Do Not Work Themselves

(From page 28)

tion of the board of deacons his Kardex is placed in the "Members-Retired" file. The name of every member whose Kardex is retired must be correctly noted in church register, deleted from the birthday book, his directory card withdrawn, and his addressograph plate destroyed. As a Kardex is placed in the "Member-Retired" file it is appropriately flagged for current year only, to aid church clerk in count for annual report.

This system, properly worked, does get results. And best of all, it makes the pastor a part of a team of interested lay readers, all concerned about the new families. That builds a real fellowship.

IRISH PRESBYTERIAN MEMBERSHIP INCREASING

Belfast—Membership in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is "steadily increasing," according to a report presented here to the denomination's General Assembly.

The report showed a gain of 4,633 members during the past year, bringing the total to 367,715. Ministers and missionaries in active service dropped off slightly, from 476 last year to 466 at present, but the number of elders rose from 3,936 to 4,061.

The assembly voted to forbid Presbyterian divinity students to call themselves "reverend" or wear clerical collars until they are properly licensed. Its action was prompted by a report of the board of studies which declared that the practice of using clerical titles had been growing among students.—RNS

Church Building Continues

Washington, D. C., June 6, 1951—Construction of new churches was 25 per cent higher during the first three months of 1951 than during the same quarter of 1950, the National Production Authority reported here.

Church construction was placed under the same controls that apply to other building activities in April. Prior to that time construction was moving at a pace well above that of 1950, the quarterly report on construction activity prepared by NPA revealed.

New church edifices that will cost an estimated $108,999,999 were started during the first quarter of this year, compared with $87,000,000 worth of construction activity in this field in the first three months of 1950. March construction starts amounted to $35,000,000, compared with $28,000,000 in the same month last year.

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Washington, D. C., June 13, 1951—Imposition of defense controls has not slowed down the rate of church construction, at least at the outset, the National Production Authority reported here.

New starts in church construction during the month of May amounted to $38,000,000. This was 27 per cent higher than building activity by churches in the same month of 1950. During April starts on church construction totalled $35,000,000, which was nine per cent ahead of April, 1950.

Church construction was placed under the same controls as other types of building on May 4, with construction requiring more than twenty-five tons of steel prohibited except by special permit.

Church construction started up to June 1 totalled $180,000,000 for the year, a 23 per cent increase over the $146,000,000 in the first five months of 1950.

The pace of church building is indicated by the fact that it exceeds educational construction and hospital and institutional building. During the first five months of 1951 new school buildings to cost $134,000,000 were begun, 25 per cent more than in the same months of 1950. Hospital and institutional construction starts totalled $163,000,000, a 22 per cent gain.

National Production Authority officials attributed the heavy volume of church building to a desire by religious bodies to get contemplated projects under way before materials and labor become more difficult to procure.

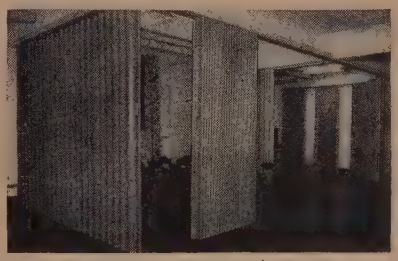
LARGE Congregation or Small

this Church is ALWAYS Right Size

Just see how this church can change its size to fit its congregation! On crowded Sundays the "Modernfold" accordion-type doors are folded against the pillars to make the alcoves part of the auditorium. On other occasions these sections are walled off, and pastor speaks to a compact congregation. In addition, savings are made on heat and light.

Solve Problems Elsewhere in Church

These movable walls have been used for years to divide Sunday School departments into separate classrooms . . . to govern the size of social rooms and dining rooms. In addition, small "Modernfold" doors replace swinging doors to save floor and wall space in pastors' studies, wardrobes, ushers' rooms and church offices.



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*by John W. Meister**

WHAT minister does not wish he had more secretarial help? If he has none, then the pressure of doing just the essential mimeographing and letter writing and note-taking forces him to look for every possible time-saver. If he has the part-time services of a secretary, then he is anxious to find those systems and techniques which will enable her to do the greatest amount of work in the least amount of time. And if he is blessed with the full time services of an efficient secretary, even then he must discover short cuts and time savers for it seems that the required office work pyramids faster than the office staff is increased. Whatever the size of the church office, therefore, the desire for *more* secretarial help is forever present.

I remember reading one of Bernard Clausen's books in which he suggested that the best secretary in the world can be had for three cents. He was referring, of course, to the three-cent stamp and he offered many worthwhile suggestions on the wise use of letters and postal cards to enlarge the scope of influence of the parish minister. I have put many of those recommendations to work and have found them to be valuable time-savers. Often as I paste the stamp on a letter to a parishioner I find myself thanking Dr. Clausen!

I have found another secretary, however, which runs Dr. Clausen's postage stamp a close second. Mine costs less than three cents but it does most of the errand running within the walls of the office. This comrade of the postage stamp is the common letter-size variety of the manila folder.

In our church office we have put the manila folder to work. Our most elaborate use of it is as a tool for collecting and keeping our family records. Since a detailed explanation of this use appeared in an earlier issue of this journal and since *Church Management* is presently marketing these folders printed with the necessary forms, there is no need to discuss further this function of the folder.†

The manila folder works for us in many other ways, however, and I have been invited to tell of one of them. We have employed the manila folder to save us countless telephone calls and small mailings each month by keeping us in constant contact with our church officers. Our parish is governed by three official boards—the session, the trustees, and the deacons—with a total membership of fifty-seven. During the course of every month there are several occasions when information of a non-urgent nature is received which should be placed in the hands of these officers. To dispense the information as soon as it is received would mean fifty-seven cards or letters or fifty-seven telephone messages. At this rate it is not long before five hundred or a thousand communications have gone out from the office.

We now turn this entire matter over to our manila folders. In one drawer of a filing cabinet are fifty-seven folders—each one plainly labeled with the name of one of the officers. Whenever literature or form letters or other messages reach us which should be brought to the attention of our officials it is a simple matter for the secretary to slip a copy in each of the folders. There is no addressing and stamping of envelopes—no relaying of information by telephone. And when the officers come to the next monthly meeting the collected information is all there waiting for them—at a time when they are prepared to give it their attention.

At the monthly meeting there is a good deal more in each folder, however, than just the promotional literature which floods into every church. We mimeograph an agenda for the meeting — a simple procedure which impresses busy men with the fact that each meeting has a purpose—and with the fact that when the purpose is accomplished the meeting will be adjourned! We also mimeograph each month a record of the changes in our membership. This record shows the additions and dismissions together with the deaths, marriages and baptisms. A statistical table at the bottom lets each officer see exacly how the parish is progressing.

The third item inserted in the folders each month is a mimeographed copy of the financial statement. This statement shows the income and expense for the current month and for the year to date for our local budget, our benevolences and our deacons' funds. Although this information concerns immediately only one of the official groups we have found it worthwhile to keep each of the boards fully informed as to the state of affairs with all of the boards.

Thus when our elders, for example, gather for their monthly meeting there is in front of each person's chair a folder with all of the information he will need. When he opens it he will find a copy of the docket, of the membership changes, of the financial statements and whatever other information may be pertinent to that particular meeting. The clerk will find in his folder the communications which have come to the church office addressed to him for reading at that meeting. The chairman of the worship committee will find mimeographed charts of the sanctuary—that he may assign parts in the next celebration of Holy Communion. The chairman of the membership committee will find the applications for membership which he is to distribute to his committee members during the next month. In short, each elder will receive at one time—and at the time he is most likely to give it his undivided attention—the materials he needs for his parish responsibilities.

This procedure has quickened the interest of our officers in their monthly meetings. Such preparation on our part is a subtle way of saying to the men, "Each meeting is an important one. You'd better come." The men know that each of their sessions together is well organized in advance—that there will be no guesswork—no spur of the moment items (the kind which consume time) on the docket—and they do come!

Here, then, is one simple device which, in return for a few cents and few hours work, will increase the amount of secretarial help available for any church office.

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*Minister, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

†Article describing this simple, effective method of church records appeared in the December, 1950, issue of "Church Management." Advertisement of these folders appears on another page.

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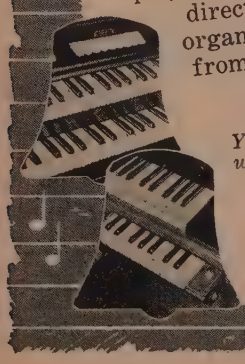

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The Laying of a Cornerstone

Behold, I lay Thy stones with fair colors, and Thy foundations with sapphires. And I will make Thy windows of agates, and Thy gates of carbuncles, and all Thy borders with pleasant stones. And all Thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of Thy children. That our sons may be as plants grown up to their youth; that our daughters may be as cornerstones polished after the similitude of a palace.

He shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying grace, grace unto it.

Therefore, now, to the end that these prospects and promises may be fulfilled to the people of this congregation and to their descendants, God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father who art in heaven,

IN THY NAME WE LAY THIS CORNERSTONE.

Son of God, the only begotten of the Father, head of the body, which is the church; head over all things to the church, prophet, priest and king of Thy people, who on the cross didst suffer for our sins, the just for the unjust, who ever liveth to make intercession for us,

IN THY NAME WE LAY THIS CORNERSTONE.

God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, given to be our abiding teacher, sanctifier, and comforter; Lord and giver of life,

IN THY NAME WE LAY THIS CORNERSTONE.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God, that the finished building may be for the worship of Thy name, for the proclamation and the study of Thy word and the better fitting of men's souls for Thine everlasting kingdom,

IN THY NAME WE LAY THIS CORNERSTONE.

Grant Thy blessing upon us all here, and so strengthen the hands of Thy servants that the building may be finished with joy and in beautiful completeness; and may every one of us be wholly dedicated to Thy service, and

our bodies be fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Ghost.

We ask and offer all in the name of Thy Son, our Saviour, who hath taught us to pray, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

For the Cornerstone Laying*

Christ—The Cornerstone

Our Father, we pray Thee to accept and use
This Cornerstone, we lay today;
A sacred symbol, that THY NAME be known—
CHRIST, the SURE FOUNDATION and THE CORNERSTONE.

May those who are by life oppressed,
Within these walls find comfort and rest.
Let THY WORD—only—and THINE alone
Be taught above THIS Cornerstone.

May the faithful here fore'er be blest,
The sinful heart find forgiveness, rest:
Souls bowed low by grief and pain
Find strength and courage to live again.

Come in, O LORD, in Thy sweet grace—
Bless and dwell within THIS HOLY place:
May we always know that THOU art here
And find new faith in the power of prayer.

We offer unto THEE our best, and pray
This TEMPLE will forevermore progress;
May each one feel This Church his own
As we prayerfully lay the CORNERSTONE.

*Written by Mrs. Florence R. Turner. Used in the cornerstone laying service at the Union Church, Devon, Connecticut.

Responsive Reading for the Service of Dedication of a New Church*

MINISTER: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and power and honor and might be unto our God forever and ever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

MINISTER: Behold the tabernacle of God is with men and He shall dwell with them.

PEOPLE: And they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.

MINISTER: Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy tabernacle?

PEOPLE: Who shall dwell in Thy holy hill?

MINISTER: He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness.

PEOPLE: And speaketh truth in his heart.

MINISTER: Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?

PEOPLE: And who shall stand in His holy place?

MINISTER: He that hath clean hands and a pure heart.

PEOPLE: Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

MINISTER: He shall receive the blessing from the Lord.

PEOPLE: And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

MINISTER: Lift up your heads, O ye gates; yea, lift them up, ye everlasting doors.

PEOPLE: And the King of Glory shall come in.

MINISTER: Who is this King of Glory?

PEOPLE: The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

MINISTER: But will God in very deed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee, how much less this house which we have builded.

PEOPLE: Yet have respect, O Lord, unto the prayer which Thy servants pray before Thee this day, that Thine eyes may be open towards this house night and day.

MINISTER: Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us.

PEOPLE: And establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

MINISTER AND PEOPLE UNITEDLY: This house, which has been presented to us through the gracious favor of divine Providence and the munificence of Thy servant, we do now solemnly dedicate to the worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedicatory Prayer.

Dedication of Chancel Appointments*

Let us proceed to set apart these memorials to their high and holy use.

MINISTER: To the glory of God, author of all goodness and beauty, giver of all skill of mind and heart,

PEOPLE: We dedicate these symbols of worship.

MINISTER: That they may kindle the flame of devotion, that those who gather here to worship may worship the Father in spirit and in truth,

PEOPLE: We dedicate these symbols of worship.

MINISTER: For the worship and

*As used in the First Presbyterian Memorial Church, Dover, New Jersey. W. W. Halloway, minister.

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A Sermon Calendar for the Year*

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A SEASON FOR RELAXATION

July 1. (Independence Sunday).

Topic: Is America Christian?

Hymns: God of Our Fathers. God Bless Our Native Land. O God Beneath Thy Guiding Hand.

Lesson: Psalm 33. Text: Psalm 12. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

There was a Golden Age in the history of the Hebrews. A time when they had a national home and when their kings were rich and wielded a wide influence.

Its most prosperous era was during the reign of Solomon. In his day the people were as the sand of the sea in multitude, "eating and drinking and making merry." Solomon reigned over a large territory. His subjects brought him presents and served him all his life. I Kings 4:20-34.

But Solomon could not stand prosperity. He did evil in the sight of the Lord. He went not fully after the Lord as did David his father. He had strange wives and worshipped heathen gods. Because of this the Lord was angry with him. He said that he would rend the kingdom from him and give it to another. I Kings 11:4-13.

God has had, and still has a hand in human history. No nation or individual can spurn him with impunity. The Psalmist states this in emphatic language. vs. 9-10.

The German kaiser, William II, addressing some recruits, said: "I require Christian soldiers who say the Lord's Prayer. The soldier should not have a will of his own, but all of you should have one will, and that is my will. There exists only one law and that is my law." His arrogance led to defeat and exile.

Can the people of America honestly say with the Psalmist, "For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name." V. 21.

These words of Lincoln suggest the answer. "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown, but we have forgotten God.

"We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. It behooves us then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

And again Lincoln: "If destruction be our lot we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of free men we must live through all time or die by suicide."

In view of this, on this Independence Sunday, we may well offer the prayer of the Psalmist, "Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee." V. 22.

Henry Van Dyke offered this prayer:

O suffer not her feet to stray;
  But guide her untaught might,
Her thousand cities fill with peace,
  Her million fields with grain.
The virtues of her mingled blood
  In one new people blend;
By unity and brotherhood
  America befriend.

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Summer Meditations

July 8.

Topic: Things to Think About.

Hymns: When Morning Gilds the Sky. Take Time to Be Holy. When the Weary Seeking Rest.

Lesson: Philippians 4. Text: Philippians 4:8. "Think on these things."

Dr. Dummelow says that "this epistle is a letter of friendship, full of affection, confidence, good counsel and good cheer. . . . The letter is therefore one of self-revelation, it is a classic of spiritual autobiography."

In chapter four Paul resumes the exhortations he began in chapter three. Among these exhortations is one urging the Philippians to think. "For the rest my brothers, whatever things are true, whatever things have honour, whatsoever things are upright, whatever things are holy, whatever things are beautiful, whatever things are of value, if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, give thought to these things. V. 8. (Basic English).

Thinking is not an easy exercise. "What is the hardest thing in the world?" asks Emerson. He answers, "To think." The art of thinking is not easily acquired, nevertheless it should be diligently cultivated for it is invaluable.

"The world is ruled by thought," says a modern writer, "and our highest duty is to think well." Not muscle but brain is the determining factor in life.

One should be careful about his thoughts. "The happiness of your life," said Antonius, the Roman emperor and philosopher, "depends upon the character of your thoughts; therefore watch well over them and entertain none that are contrary to purity and truth."

"O guard thy roving thoughts with jealous care," wrote Tennyson, "for speech is but the dial-plate of thought, and every fool reads plainly in thy words what is the hour of thy thoughts."

Relaxation is essential to profitable thinking. "Great thoughts do not come to one when his soul is in a turmoil. The temple of the soul must be quiet or it cannot hear God speak. The delicate balance of judgment cannot be accurately poised when the winds of distraction and confusion are blowing."

It is therefore fitting that in the summer time, during the season when we relax, that we should give more attention to our thinking.

The poet must have had that in mind when he wrote:

A grotto bright and clear
From stain and taint, in which the blameless mind
May feed on thoughts, though pensive not austere;
Or, if a deeper spirit be inclined
To holy musing, it may enter here.

"He who has learned to think need never suffer the misery of loneliness. He can people solitude with bright and pure creations."

It will be profitable therefore on these summer Sundays to turn our attention to the things that Paul urges us to think about.

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July 15.

Topic: True Things.

Hymns: Forward Through the Ages. Seek Not Afar for Beauty. Christ of the Upward Way.

Lesson: John 8:21-32. Text: Philippians 4:8. "Whatsoever things are true."

I think Paul would approve of these lines:

Seize truth where'er 'tis found,
  Among your friends, among your foes,
On Christian or on heathen ground:
  The flower's divine where'er it grows.

Truth has been the quest of sages in all generations. "I don't know what I may seem to the world," wrote Sir Isaac Newton, the English philosopher and mathematician, "but as to myself I seem to have been only like a little boy playing on the seashore, and diverting himself. Now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me."

"It is," said Sir John Lubbock, the English scientist, "as true now as in the time of Newton that the great ocean of truth lies undiscovered before us. I often wish that some President of the Royal Society, or of the British Association, would take for the theme of his annual address, 'The Things We Do Not Know.' Who can say on the verge of what discoveries we are perhaps now standing!"

Truth should be the beginning and end of all our searching, and the great-

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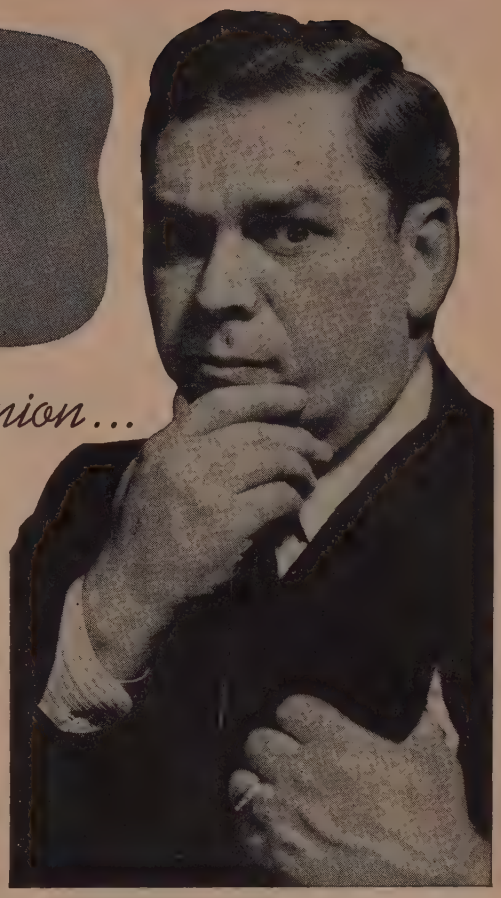

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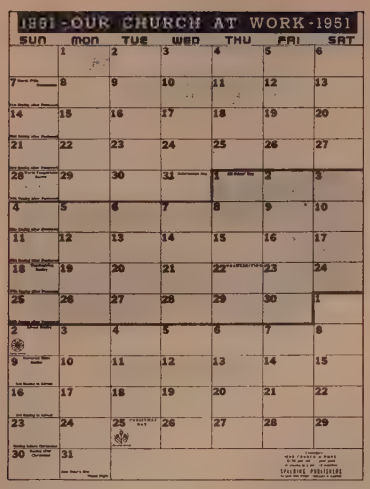

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est pains should be taken to discriminate it from falsehood.

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When Jesus was before Pilate, he said, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I might bear witness unto the truth." This led Pilate to ask, "What is truth?" To his question Jesus gave no answer so far as the record shows. Perhaps he realized that it was not an honest question and therefore did not deserve an honest answer.

In a presidential address before the British Association, Sir James Jeans said that science had given man control over nature before he has gained control over himself. He would like to see adjoining science a morality, and if possible, even a religion consistent with our new psychological knowledge and the established facts of science.

Do not be perturbed by the attacks that are being made upon religion today. "When the ship shakes," said Thomas Lynch, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, "do not throw yourself into the sea. When the storms of doubt assail spiritual truth do not abandon yourself to the wild evil of the world that cannot rest."

Dr. Gerald Birney Smith wrote: "We ought to learn a lesson from the scientist. He is never afraid of truth. A great American physicist recently discussing Einstein's theory of relativity, said, 'I hope that we shall find that it is not true, as it would make our investigations a great deal more difficult. But if it is true, we shall, of course, make the necessary readjustments.' He (the scientist) goes forward in his investigations with the fearless faith that truth is good to know."

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July 22.

Topic: Honorable Things.

Hymns: Holy, Holy, Holy. Love Thyself Last. Go Labor On.

Lesson: Romans 12. Text: Philippians 4:8. "Whatsoever things are honest."

Paul designates the second thing to think about "honest." That is the translation of the Authorized Version. The Revised Version translation is "honorable." Basic English translates the word "have honor." And the Moffatt translation is "worthy."

The word "honorable" is inclusive. It is defined as "worthy of honor; a title of respect or distinction." What Paul is saying is, think on the things that win respect, honorable things.

Shakespeare conveys the idea in these lines:

This above all; to thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.

Froude, the English historian, wrote: "Desire first to be good men, true in word, just in action, pure in spirit. Seek these whatever else befall you. So you will know God, when you have sought and could not find. So out of men who have life in them shall grow a society that has life, and the kingdom of the world shall be made in truth a kingdom of God."

Thinking about honorable things will enable one to act honorably.

Cardinal Newman said: "It is almost a definition of a gentleman to say that he is one who never inflicts pain. He has no ears for slander or gossip. He is scrupulous in imputing motives. He interprets everything for the best. He is never little or mean in his disputes."

"Every good act is charity," said Mahomet. "Your smiling in your brother's face is charity, an exhortation of your fellowman to virtuous deed is equal to almsgiving, your putting a wanderer in the right road is charity, your assisting the blind is charity, your removing stones and thorns and other obstructions from the road is charity. A man's true wealth hereafter is the good that he does in this world to his fellowman."

As one reads the daily press he is tempted to wonder if honor has perished from the earth. "I am convinced that the graft and overcharges in the State Capitol job reach $5,000,000," said the treasurer of a great state. "Responsibility for this rests upon state officials, including the governor."

Only as men become more religious can this condition be corrected. The religious man becomes honorable automatically.

"The devout man," said Dr. W. E. Channing, "especially in moments of strong religious sensibility, feels distinctly that he has found the true happiness of man. He has found a Being for his veneration and love whose character is inexhaustible, who, after ages shall have passed, will still be uncomprehended in the extent of his perfections, and who will still communicate to the pure mind stronger proofs of his excellence and more intimate signs of his approval."

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July 29.

Topic: Just Things.

Hymns: Light of the World We Hail Thee. Take My Life, and Let It Be. O Jesus, I Have Promised.

Lesson: Proverbs 21:1-15. Text: Philippians 4:8. "Whatsoever things are just."

What does it mean to be just? Justinian, the Byzantine emperor, said: "Justice is a constant and perpetual will to render to everyone that which is his own."

The Hebrew lawgiver laid down this dictum, "That which is altogether just shalt thou follow." Deuteronomy 16:20.

"We ought always to deal justly," said Hierocles, the Neo-Platonic writer, "not only to those who are just to us, but likewise those who endeavor to injure us. And this too for fear lest, by rendering them evil for evil, we should fall into the same vice."

There have always been just people. Aristides, the Athenian statesman who lived half a century before Christ, was asked by Simonides, who had a cause to try before him, to stretch a point in his favor. He replied: "As you would not be a good poet if your lines ran contrary to the just measures and rules of your art, so neither should I be a good judge, or an honest man, if I decided aught in opposition to law and

justice."

But Ruskin insists that just men are few and far between. He wrote: "People are perpetually squabbling about what will be best to do, or easiest to do, or advisablest to do, or profitablest to do, but they never, so far as I hear them talk, ask what is just to do." He declared that it is the law of heaven that we shall not be able to judge what is wise or easy, unless we are first resolved to judge what is just, and to do it.

"Justice," said Wendell Phillips, "has had to fight its way like a thunderstorm against the organized selfishness of human nature." He asserted that God gave mankind but one clue to success—utter and exact justice.

We need to be just for our own good. William Penn said that justice is the insurance which we have on our lives and property, and obedience is the premium that we have to pay.

Shakespeare wrote:

What stronger breastplate than a heart untainted?
Thrice is he armed who hath his quarrel just;
And he but naked, though locked up in steel,
Whose conscience with injustice is corrupted.

Lessing, the German writer was optimistic. He wrote: "It will assuredly come, that time of perfection, when man, the more his reason is persuaded of a better future, will need the less to seek therefrom his motive for action; when he will do the right because it is right, and not because there are affixed arbitrary guerdons which prevent and let his deluded vision from recognizing the inner, better reward."

Wordsworth's *Ode to Milton,* written in 1802, might well be repeated today.

Milton; thou shouldst be living at this hour;
* * * We are selfish men;
Oh! raise us up, return to us again;
And give us manners, virtue, freedom, power.
Thy soul was like a star, and dwelt apart:
Thou hadst a voice whose sound was like the sea:
Pure as the naked heavens, majestic, free,
So didst thou travel on life's common way,
In cheerful godliness; and yet thy heart
The lowliest duties on herself did lay.

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August 5.

Topic: Pure Things.

Hymns: Spirit of Life, in This New Dawn. Just As I Am Without One Plea. Saviour, Blessed Saviour.

Lesson: I Corinthians 3. Text: Philippians 4:8. "Whatsoever things are pure."

Paul did not have a very high opinion of the Corinthian Christians. He considered them immature, "babes in Christ." 3:1-4.

Paul made an arresting statement in verse 16. "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells within you." (Moffatt). That ought to give us pause as we think about things that are pure.

An anonymous author wrote: "Some people are like musical instruments, they are totally dependent on the fingers that touch them. To one they will

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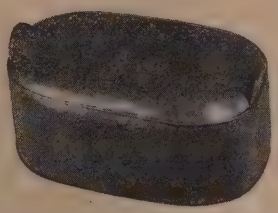

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One's inner life will inevitably be reflected in his outer life. An old Spanish poem says:

Loveliness of form and face
Are fair to see,
If in company it be
With inward grace.

"Believe me," said Sir Frederick Leighton, the English painter, "whatever of dignity, whatever of strength, we have within us will dignify and make strong the labors of our hands, whatever littleness degrades our spirit will lessen them and drag them down. Whatever noble fire is in our hearts will burn also in our work, whatever purity is ours will chasten and exalt it, for we are as our work is."

Ruskin said that the corrupted papacy of the fifteenth century so injuriously affected the art world that from that time there was a serious decline in all the arts of painting and sculpture and architecture. The degradation of religion first touched public morality and then spread to all the arts.

Rosetti, the English painter and poet, wrote some words that have a special appeal today. "For the books we now forbear to read we shall one day be endued with wisdom and knowledge. For the music we will not listen to we shall join in the song of the redeemed. For the picture from which we turn we shall gaze unabashed on the beatific vision. For the companionship we shun we shall be welcomed into the angelic society and the communion of triumphant saints. For the amusements we avoid we shall keep the supreme jubilee. For the pleasures we miss we shall abide, and evermore abide, in the rapture of heaven."

Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8.

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August 12.

Topic: Lovely Things.

Hymns: The Summer Days Have Come Again. This Is My Father's World. God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea.

Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15. Text: Philippians 4:8. "Whatsoever things are lovely."

Three words are used by the translators to express what Paul writes in this sentence. The Authorized Version uses the word "lovely." Moffatt uses the word "tractive." Basic English uses the word "beautiful."

God has furnished us with much lovely material on which to meditate. The author of the Book of Ecclesiastes wrote, "He hath made everything beautiful in his time." 3:11.

Tupper wrote these lines:

There is beauty in the rolling clouds,
and placid shingle beach,
In feathery snows, and whistling winds,
and dun electric skies;
There is beauty in the rounded woods,
dank with heavy foliage,
In laughing fields, and dinted hills, the
valley and its lake;
There is beauty in the gullies, beauty on
the cliffs, beauty in sun and shade,
In rocks and rivers, seas and plains—
the earth is drowned in beauty.

Much of the beauty in the world is unappreciated. Speaking of the loveliness of the Ducal Palace and St. Mark's Church at Venice, Ruskin wrote: "And what effect has this splendour upon those who pass beneath it? You may walk from sunrise to sunset, to and fro, and you will not see one eye lifted to it, not a countenance brightened by it. Priest and layman, soldier and civilian, rich and poor, pass it by alike regardless."

Thinking on lovely things will lead us to appreciate them.

Bulwer-Lytton, the British novelist, wrote: "I consider that to love the beautiful in all things, to surround ourselves, as far as our means permit, with all its evidences, not only elevates the thoughts and harmonizes the mind, but is a sort of homage that we owe to the gifts of God and the labors of man. The beautiful is the priest of the benevolent."

J. Stuart Blackie, the Scotch author, wrote: "Beauty, which is the natural food of a healthy imagination, should be sought after by everyone who wishes to make the most of himself. Poetry, painting, music and the fine arts are essential to the blossom of a cultivated soul."

"The contemplation of beauty," said Whipple, the American essayist, "in nature, in art, in literature, in human character, diffuses through our being a soothing and subtle joy by which the heart's anxious and aching cares are softly smiled away."

"If anyone ever felt the beauty of the world," said Dr. Frederick Robertson, the English preacher, "it was Christ. The beauty of the lily nestling in the grass—he felt it all. But the beauty which he exhibited in life was the stern loveliness of moral action, it was the beauty of obedience, of noble deeds, of unconquerable fidelity, of unswerving truth, of divine self-devotion."

The contemplation of lovely things should lead to lovely deeds.

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August 19. (Old Home Sunday).

Topic: Appreciated Things.

Hymns: Father of Lights. Draw Thou My Soul. O Christ. We Bear the Strain of Earthly Care.

Lesson: I Corinthians 13. Text: Philippians 4:8. "Whatsoever things are of good report."

What are some of the things that people appreciate? Here are a few of them.

Courtesy. A writer says: "True courtesy shines most brightly in the sphere of home. The stripling who is all grace to outside young ladies and neglects his mother, the girl who is radiant as a butterfly at a ball and surly as a wasp at home, the apprentice who addresses his employer as 'sir' and talks of his father as 'the old boy,' may possess the polish but have not the principle of courtesy. Courtesy shows itself not only on great occasions but also in little things."

Good temper. "A cheerful temper, joined with innocence," wrote Addison, the English poet, "will make beauty attractive, knowledge delightful and wit good-natured. It will lighten sickness and affliction, convert ignorance into an amiable simplicity and render deformity itself agreeable."

Honesty. "It is an unspeakable advantage," said Sir Walter Raleigh, the favorite of Queen Elizabeth, "both to the public and private, if men would consider that great truth—that no man is wise or safe but he that is honest."

Truthfulness. *The Book of Symbols* makes these observations: "Deception, hypocrisy, and dissimulation are when practiced direct compliments to the power of truth, and the common custom of passing off truth's counterfeit for herself is strong testimony on behalf of her intrinsic beauty and excellence."

Industry. "There is no art or science," said Lord Clarendon, Lord Chancellor of England, "that is too difficult for industry to attain to. It is the gift of tongues, and makes a man understood and valued in all countries and by all nations. It is the philosopher's stone that turns all metals, and even stones, into gold, and suffers no want to break into its dwelling."

"Industry is not only the instrument of improvement," said Dr. Hugh Blair, a Scotch clergyman, "but the foundation of pleasure, for nothing is so opposite to the true enjoyment of life as the relaxed and feeble state of an indolent mind. He who is a stranger to industry may possess, but he cannot enjoy. It is labor only that gives a relish to pleasure."

Dr. Henry Van Dyke mentioned four things that are generally appreciated:

Four things a man must learn to do
If he would make his record true;
To think without confusion clearly;
To love his fellowmen sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
To trust in God and heaven securely.

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August 26.

Topic: Virtuous Things.

Hymns: Awake My Soul and With the Sun. Master, No Offering. O Thou Whose Perfect Goodness Crowns.

Lesson: Matthew 5:13-24. Text: Philippians 4:8. "If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Virtue was the leading element of heathen excellence. The word only occurs in this passage in Paul's writings. It seems that he is seeking common ethical ground between the church and Gentile society.

Some of the synonyms of virtue are these: goodness, probity, integrity, worth, righteousness and purity. It would seem that Paul wanted to sum up in a single word all that he has been saying here. So he uses the word "virtue."

Socrates, the Athenian philosopher, declared that virtue is the beauty, and vice the deformity of the soul.

"Virtue," wrote Tooke, the English

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Presbyterian, Pa.	1,041	100,000	89,450
Methodist, O.	1,400	100,000	115,641
Methodist, O.	567	37,000	40,148
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Baptist, S. D.	.....	150,000	135,175
Methodist, O.	645	60,000	65,228
Presbyterian, S. C.	1,201	150,000	150,000
Congregational, Mass.	800	125,000	128,207
Presbyterian, Pa.	885	75,000	54,597
Presbyterian, O.	2,500	175,000	128,607
Baptist, O.	894	62,000	56,227
Lutheran, O.	.....	135,000	190,151
Community, N. Y.	650	103,000	114,201
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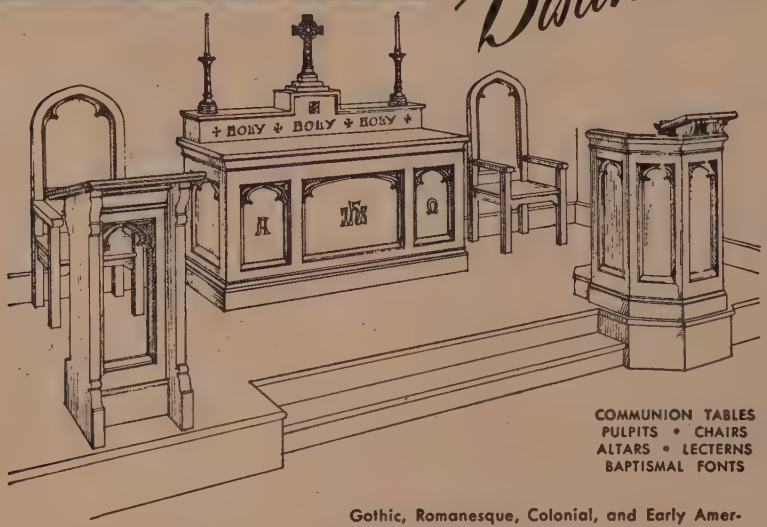

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philologist, "derives her name from 'vir,' because virtue is the most manly ornament. She was esteemed a goddess and worshipped in the habit of an elderly matron sitting upon a square stone. Marcelius dedicated a temple to her, and hard by placed another that was dedicated to honor. The temple of virtue was the passage to honor, by which was signified that by virtue alone true honor is obtained."

Virtue should be made attractive. Archbishop Usher, the Irish prelate, said: "If good people would make their goodness agreeable, and smile instead of frown in their virtue, how many would they win to the good cause!"

In *Arthur Coningsby* Disraeli wrote: "If I were to fix on the one great error that has been the root of more numerous scions than any other, I should say that it is the dogma by which virtue is represented as a painful struggle, and the duties of men are opposed to their natural inclinations. . . . Once show to the bulk of men that goodness is far easier and lovelier than wickedness . . . and the walls of our prison house will vanish like the curtains of a tent when drawn aside, and man will find himself the free and happy inhabitant of the magnificent inheritance from which he has so long been shut out."

Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote: "When in innocency, or when by intellectual perception, man attains to say, 'I love the right,' truth is beautiful within and without for evermore. Virtue, I am thine, use me. Thee will I serve day and night, in great, in small, that I may be not virtuous but virtue. Then is the end of creation answered, and God is well pleased."

"Do not be troubled;" said Beecher, "because you have not great virtues. God made a million spears of grass where he made one tree. The earth is fringed and carpeted, not with forests, but with grasses. Only have enough of little virtues and common fidelities, and you need not mourn because you are neither a hero or a saint."

That attitude finds expression in these lines of Lord Byron:

Here's a sigh to those who love me,
And a smile to those who hate:
And whatever sky's above me,
Here's a heart for every fate.

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September 2. (Labor Sunday).

Topic: A Tireless Worker.

Hymns: Still, Still With Thee. Workman of God. O Master Workman of the Race.

Lesson: John 10:19-42. **Text:** John 9:4. "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

Various schemes have been suggested for bringing the church and working people into closer contact.

In 1943, a report to the Church of Scotland General Assembly drew attention to the success of a movement to appoint chaplains to industrial plants. The report said: "This experiment has had great encouragement. One elder after another engaged in industrial labor and trades unions activities, hailed it with great joy and predicted from his experience a great field and a great response."

In 1947, a new minister-at-large was hired by a large Rhode Island manufacturing concern. He was to be regarded

as a vice-president in charge of religious relations.

This industrial ministry grew out of the desire of the officers of the Bristol Manufacturing Co. to "do something unselfish." The president said the concern's new department would operate on an annual budget of $25,000 up to $100,000 if the experiment proved worthwhile. Rev. Dale E. Dutton said he planned to be available for assistance wherever he was needed "to do good where I can." He added, "There are no strings attached to my duties." This experiment gained nation-wide publicity.

Not so much attention was aroused when Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Jr., was appointed as industrial chaplain for the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. He is a grandson of President Woodrow Wilson. He got the idea when he was a chaplain in the United States Navy.

Mr. Sayre criticized the idea of a company-sponsored chaplain. He said: "Unless the workers are paying their share in the support of an industrial chaplain they will not feel they have a fundamental interest in his ministry. A company-sponsored ministry more closely resembles a personnel job being carried on by a minister than a basic industrial chaplaincy."

This idea of industrial chaplains does not seem to have caught on to any great extent in the United States.

In 1950, Walter P. Reuther, president of the C.I.O. United Auto Workers, suggested that labor, management and agricultural leaders meet to consider major economic problems. The conference should be national in scope, "not meeting under the compulsion of government, but voluntarily." The suggestion was made to a group of Protestant churchmen from thirty states.

Reuther made a vigorous appeal to the 450 delegates for a "moral equivalent of the hydrogen bomb" as the greatest need in America today.

This appeal from a prominent labor leader should inspire the church to more vigorous efforts in the promulgation of the gospel message.

Jesus' example should be an added incentive. He said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work."

It is related that an Indian having heard from a white man some strictures on zeal replied, "I don't know about having too much zeal, but I think it is better the pot should boil over than not boil at all."

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September 9.

Topic: God's Orders.

Hymns: O Day of Rest and Gladness. Not in Dumb Resignation. Fight the Good Fight.

Lesson: I Kings 22:1-14. Text: I Kings 22:14. "And Micaiah said, As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me that will I speak."

Micaiah was the son of Isaiah. All that is known about him is recorded in this chapter and in II Chronicles 18.

The king of Judah and the king of Israel planned a military campaign. Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, asked Ahab to inquire about the word of the Lord. Ahab gathered together the prophets, about 400 of them, and they predicted success.

Jehoshaphat then asked if there was not another prophet of whom they might inquire. Ahab said there was. "But I do hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil." But Micaiah was called. He was advised to back up the prediction of the other prophets. He replied that what the Lord said to him he would speak.

Micaiah predicted that the armies of Israel would be defeated. Ahab ordered his arrest. He said, "Put this fellow in the prison and feed him with the bread of affliction and with water of affliction."

This fidelity to God is not confined to religious leaders. In *The Apology*, Socrates said, "Men of Athens, I honor and love you, but I shall obey God rather than you."

Speaking one's convictions does not usually promote one's popularity.

A Western editor wrote: "We have no desire to leave this vale of tears, and hurl ourselves on Abraham's bosom. But if we had such a desire, we wouldn't lean up against a loaded gun and then pull the trigger, as many do. . . . We would simply get out an edition of our paper in which we would strive to the best of our ability to print the plain square cold truth as we understand it — and then calmly await the end."

The loyal Christian will always speak his convictions whatever the cost. He cannot do otherwise. Like Peter, when the apostles were forbidden to teach in the name of Jesus, he will reply, "We have to do the orders of God, not of men." Acts 5. (Basic English).

When Dr. Charles F. Aked received a call from San Francisco, he regretfully acknowledged his fears that the great enterprises which he had hoped to lead as pastor of one of the wealthiest churches in America, known as the John D. Rockefeller Church, were "only such stuff as dreams are made of." Notwithstanding the $10,000 salary offered him when he went there from Liverpool, England, and the recent increase to $12,000, or his ties of friendship in New York, he did not see how he could contemplate a permanent ministry there.

He chafed under the failure of the church to provide a larger edifice and to undertake larger enterprises. To the admonition that he should have patience for the evolution of great things, Dr. Aked replied that such an attitude calls for "the highest type of enthusiasm, the enthusiasm which illumines detail and makes drudgery divine." He asked, "Does such a spirit exist in our church; it is for you to say, not for me."

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September 16.

Topic: The Function of Praise.

Hymns: Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens, Adore Him. O Lord, All Glorious. Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds.

Lesson: Mark 14:1-9. Text: Mark 14:9. "Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her."

The incident that occurred in the home of Simon the leper arouses our interest. It is interesting for two reasons—a fallen woman's appreciation of forgiveness, and the Master's mede of praise. "I tell you truly, wherever the gospel is preached all over the world, men will speak of what she has done in memory of her." (Moffatt).

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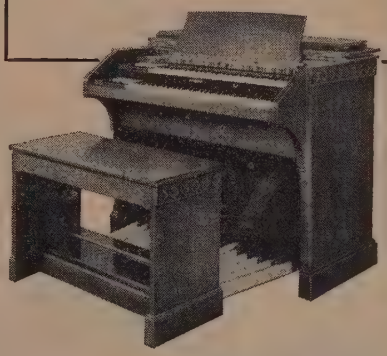

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As Joseph Addison said, "The public is more disposed to censure than to praise."

Nevertheless praise performs a valuable function. As Petrarch, the Italian poet wrote, "Praises are a spur to virtue."

All men, and women too, crave for praise. "The love of praise is generally connected with all the finer sensibilities of human nature. To be entirely destitute of this passion betokens an ignoble mind, on which no moral impression is easily made, for where there is no desire of praise there will also be no sense of reproach."

Fontenelle, the French poet, wrote: "A man finds no sweeter voice in the world than that which chants his praises."

Speak it again, for it is sweet to hear
Praise from the voice we love, and thine is soft
And hath a touch of tenderness, as 'twere
A gentle flower grown musical.

We are entitled to receive praise for the commendable things we do. Shakespeare wrote, "Our praises are our wages."

"It often happens that when the heart is numb and torpid it begins to thaw, and at last bursts, under the warm and genial influence of praise, like streams under the genial breath of spring."

One wintry day Nathaniel Hawthorne went home with a heavy heart having lost his government appointment. His wife soon discovered the cause of his despondency. She kindled a bright fire, brought pen, ink and paper, and lovingly laying her hand on his shoulder, said, "Now you can write your book." Her words worked like a magic spell. He forgot his loss, set to work, wrote his book and made his reputation.

Praise should not be delayed. On President Harding's forty-fifth birthday, his father sent him this telegram, "I was proud of you forty-five years ago, and I am just as proud today."

Praise can be delayed too long. A young mother was left penniless on the death of her husband. She determined that her four children should have the same educational advantages that they would have enjoyed had their father lived. So she taught school, she painted, she sewed and gave herself scarcely time to eat or sleep. As she was dying, the children awoke to the consciousness of what she had done for them. As the eldest son held her in his arms, he said, "You have been a good mother to us." The mother's eyes kindled into a smile as she whispered, "You never said that before, John."

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September 23. (Rally Day).

Topic: O Come, Let Us Worship.

Hymns: O Worship the King. I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord. The Church's One Foundation.

Lesson: Psalm 26. Text: Nehemiah 10:39. "And we will not forsake the house of our God."

Nehemiah had occupied an important position at the Persian court. He seems to have been a favorite of the king. Probably he was wealthy.

Nehemiah was a layman and a man of action. He was self-reliant, energetic, shrewd and masterful. But he used his talents in the service of his countrymen, and he made great sacrifices for them.

Nehemiah was a religious man. His career presents an unusual combination of self-reliance with humble trust in God.

Chapters 8-10 describe the religious reform initiated by Ezra and Nehemiah. A great assembly was called. The Feast of Tabernacles was celebrated. A solemn Covenant was entered into.

The Covenant concluded with the words, "We will not neglect the house of our God." (Moffatt).

That was a wise resolve. Modern Christians on this Rally Day will do well to repeat it.

Beecher said: "A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers, and like a homestead without a garden. It is the joyous day of all the week."

Yet far too many fail to take advantage of its privileges. The influence of the resurrection upon the early Christians is revealed by Tertullian, the theologian whose writings influenced Cyprian and Augustine. He wrote: "But we, as we have received, ought, on the day of the Lord's resurrection alone to beware . . . of every habit and office of anxiety, postponing our business lest we give any place to the devil."

Charles Dickens wrote: "There is a Sunday conscience as well as a Sunday coat. And those who make religion a secondary concern put the coat and conscience carefully by to put on only once a week."

Novel ideas are being introduced to induce people to attend church. These have their place. But they are secondary, not primary.

Let us this year put the primary emphasis on divine worship. Nothing can take the place of the worship service.

As Dr. A. E. Park said: "A churchgoing people is apt to be a law-abiding people."

Putting God in the Nation's life,
Helping us think of the higher things,
That is the kind of speech to make,
That is the kind of song to sing.
Upward and forward let us try,
The new deal in the forthright way—
Putting God in the Nation's life,
And putting it there in a style to stay.

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September 30. (Religious Education Week).

Topic: What Shall We Teach?

Hymns: God Is Love. Almighty Lord, With One Accord. Brightly Gleams Our Banner.

Lesson: Deuteronomy 31:1-13. Text: Deuteronomy 31:12. "Gather the people together . . . that they may hear and that they may learn. . . ."

According to the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses was very insistent on religious education. He returned to the subject again and again. Chapter 31:12 is a characteristic passage.

"Assemble the people, men, women and children, and the aliens residing among you, that they may hear and learn it and revere the Eternal. your God, being mindful to obey all the terms of this code." (Moffatt).

Teaching was to be given to all ages—fathers, mothers and children, and even to the displaced persons dwelling

in their land. That suggests what the scope of modern teaching should be.

The dwellers in Israel were to be taught the law, or the code. What shall we teach today?

A statement issued by the Youth Department of the British Council of Churches said: "The Christian churches have at this time a double responsibility in youth work. They must train in an informed and active churchmanship the children and young people within their care. They must also make new and understanding contact with the increasing majority outside."

Training should be given in the Christian faith according to the belief and life of the denomination with which they are associated.

Bible study, corporate worship and private prayer, with progressive instruction in these practices, are essential to this training.

Personal relationships, including sex, marriage and family ties; the use of their powers of body and mind, their time and possessions in the service of God should be discussed.

Their duties as workers in the community, as citizens in respect of local and national politics, and their duties as world citizens should be emphasized.

Ministers have not neglected religious education in the past. Luther, Calvin, Knox, Zindendorf, Wesley, Whitfield are examples. Zindendorf preached to children with marked results. He said: "Unless we can take care of the rising generation, the present revival of religion will last only the age of a man."

Later preachers, such as Spurgeon, Beecher and Brooks, declared their appreciation of, and both by precept and example, urged the importance of religious instruction.

Religious education is a prime necessity today if the rising generation is not to be entirely illiterate. In a recent test given to 18,434 high school pupils, 16,000 could not name three Old Testament prophets, 12,000 could not name the four Gospels, and 10,000 did not know any three of the twelve apostles.

William Ellery Channing said: "The father and mother of an unnoticed family, who in their seclusion awaken the mind of one child to the idea and love of goodness, who awaken in him a strength of will to repel temptation, and who send him out prepared to profit by the conflicts of life, surpass in influence a Napoleon breaking the world to his sway."

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October 7. (World Communion Sunday).

Topic: Inclusive Christianity.

Hymns: In the Cross of Christ I Glory. Rise Up, O Men of God. Christian Rise, and Act Thy Creed.

Lesson: Colossians 3:1-17. Text: Colossians 3:10, 11. "And have put on the new. . . . Wherein there is neither Greek, nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free; but Christ is all, and in all."

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"We promise as members of this church to walk together as Christian brethren, submitting to its governance and discipline:

"We cherish for each person the fulest liberty of conscience and belief in seeking to find and to know the will of God, made known or to be made known to us.

"We welcome to our fellowship all persons, without regard to race, class, nation, or creed, who join with us in this covenant. In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus, we unite for the worship of God and the service of men."

Not many churches as liberal as this exist. But it seems to be the pattern to which we should work.

It was Paul's ideal. He wrote to the Colossian Christians, "In it there is no room for Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free man; but Christ is everything and everywhere." (Moffatt).

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A visitor to Hawaii describes a service in such a church. "Then I began to notice the people around me. Directly in front sat a row of Negro sergeants, behind, a pure Hawaiian woman beside two young Japanese girls. Down in the front pew a young American Indian was reading his program. An army officer with a tall stately Japanese wife seated themselves next to an old Chinese couple.

"The organ's throat sounded forth the chorus of the opening hymn and we all stood up together to sing in one voice the praises of our common God, together, man and woman, black, brown, yellow, red and white."

"Christ is everything and everywhere," Paul wrote. Let that be our dominant thought as we partake of the Lord's Supper today.

In an address, Sir Stafford Cripps said: "Christ means to me perfect love brought into my life by a perfect Friend, and that is why I believe that his teaching is the greatest thing in the world and is our one salvation."

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

October 14.

Topic: Ezekiel's Concept of the Messiah.

Hymns: Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness. My God, Is Any Hour So Sweet. Father, to Us Thy Children, Humbly Kneeling.

Lesson: Ezekiel 34:30-31. Text: Ezekiel 34:23. "And I set one shepherd over them, even my servant David."

The Jewish hope of a Messiah had its inception in the disaster that came to the nation. It appeared to be utterly and completely defeated.

Ezekiel thought that he would be like a shepherd. "Also I will place a single ruler over them, that is my servant David, who shall feed them and be their shepherd; I the Eternal will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Eternal proclaim this." (Moffatt).

Ezekiel suggested some interesting features that would characterize the Messianic era.

a. He would be their God. "The Eternal will be their God."

b. It would be an era of peace. "I will make a compact of peace with them."

c. It would be an era of freedom. "They shall live undisturbed in the land."

d. It would be an era of plenty. "I will grant them a right fertile soil."

Ezekiel's concept has never yet been realized. But progress is being made toward that end.

Until the Messiah has fully established his kingdom on the earth we can find comfort in the thought that God is taking care of his own. "You are my own flock, the flock I tend, and I am your God."

A lecturer on the English radio said: "One of the most fundamental differences between people must be the question whether they believe in God or not; for on that depends their whole interpretation of the universe and of history—on that depends their answers to so many other questions. It can hardly be doubted at the present day that a man has to build up his whole outlook on this decision, for those who think that they are sitting on the fence are entirely deluding themselves. Yet the decision is no easy one for what I might call the scholarly kind of intellect, and philosophers chase one another round in circles."

But intellectuals and philosophers to the contrary, humanism which is the alternative to belief in God, cannot satisfy the human heart. A Godless world is unthinkable.

A Buddhist woman related her religious experience in these words: "I am old, and I am a woman, and it is not expected that a woman will know much of such subjects. But I will tell you what thought I have. I am weak and sinful and I have no hope in myself. My hope is all in Amida Buddha. I believe him to be the Supreme Being. Because of the wickedness of man and because of human sorrow, Amida Buddha became incarnate and came to earth to deliver man. He has entered humanity to save it, and he alone can save."

In this ultra-sophisticated age we are just beginning to realize that she uttered a profound truth.

Let us join in Clara Edmunds Hemingway's heroic resolve:

I would not be a clinging, twisted vine,
To drag my weight upon another's heart;
But be erect, whenever tempests hurled
Their javelins: when elements combine
To wrench my clinging roots and earth apart:
My faith must stand, in our bewildered world.

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October 21.

Topic: Letters.

Hymns: Christ for the World We Sing. Heralds of Christ. Fling Out the Banner.

Lesson: Philippians 1:1-20. Text: Philippians 1:1. "Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi."

William Shenstone, the English poet, wrote: "When the spirits sink too low, the best cordial is to read over all the letters of one's friends." The writers of the New Testament Letters are our friends and their correspondence can be read with great profit.

These letters were bona fide letters. They were written to meet special problems and needs as they arose in the Christian communities.

The letter to the Philippians is a good example. It was a joint communication from Paul and Timothy. It was addressed to all the saints, with the bishops and deacons.

The letter also gives an insight into the cordial relations that existed between the apostles and the rank and file of the church membership.

Paul thanked God every time he remembered them. He prayed for them. He was confident that he who had begun a good work in them would perfect it. He had them in his heart always. God was his witness that he longed after them greatly. He prayed that their love might abound, and that they might be sincere and blameless.

The letter also gives an insight into the personal problems of Paul. Paul had his critics. They preached Christ even through envy and strife, "thinking to add affliction to my bonds."

This did not worry Paul very much. His great concern was that the gospel be preached. "What then? only that in

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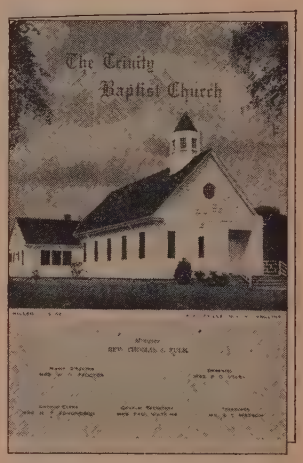

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every way falsely or truly, the preaching of Christ goes on; and in that I am glad, and will be glad." 5:18. (Basic English).

The gospel meant everything to Paul. He wrote to the Romans, "For I am proud of the gospel; it is God's saving power for everyone who has faith, for the Jew first and for the Greek as well." 1:16. (Moffatt).

The preaching of the gospel should be the main concern of the modern church. Let us never forget that it is God's saving power for everyone.

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A man wrote to a religious periodical: "A hospital bed is hardly the most likely place for thanksgiving, and yet Paul and Silas raised their voices in thanksgiving from the innermost prison. I am thankful I am alive, for four and a half years ago I stood on the edge of a drunkard's grave. I am thankful for the gospel of Jesus Christ that lifted me up from the gutter. . . . I was separated from my wife and family through drink, but they are now with me, and I am thankful for a happy home. . . . And the grace of God has called me into the ministry."

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October 28 (Reformation Sunday).

Topic: God's Watchmen.

Hymns: Faith of Our Fathers. March On, O Soul, With Strength. Watchman, Tell Us of the Night.

Lesson: Ezekiel 3:1-14. Text: Ezekiel 3:17. "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel."

The Jewish exiles needed encouragement and guidance to enable them to resist pagan influences. Ezekiel was appointed God's watchman. He was to warn them and inspire them with hope.

Ezekiel was a priest, the son of Begi. The word of the Lord came expressly to him. God told him to go to the people and deliver his message whether they would hear or not.

God told Ezekiel he had made him a watchman. He was to warn the people. If he did not give the warning he would be responsible for the death of the wicked. But if he gave the warning, and the wicked did not heed it, he would not be held responsible.

Ezekiel did not get a cordial reception. God told him that they were a rebellious house.

God's watchmen have never been popular. People have always resented their message. Paul realized that when he wrote, "Yes, and why am I myself in danger every hour. Not a day but I am at death's door." I Corinthians 15:30, 31. (Moffatt).

At the opening of the thirteenth century, St. Francis of Assissi gave up a life of security and ease, and attempted to live as he thought Jesus would have lived in his day. He served the sick and the wretched, the lepers and the helpless. He lived a life of absolute poverty, preaching, teaching and serving. But it was left for future generations to honor him.

Strange to say, God's faithful watchmen have become honored at a later date. Paul is a significant example.

In Hebrews 11 a galaxy of these brave souls is presented. And we are exhorted to follow their example. To "compare him who steadily endured all that hostility from sinful men, so as to keep your own hearts from fainting and failing." 12:3. (Moffatt).

In the *Unitarian Church Service* there is a meditation which has a message for us on the Reformation Sunday. In part it reads: "Through the long centuries of human history there has been building a Beloved Community in which all souls that love, all souls that aspire, are bound together in one life.

"Precious unto us are the names of the heroes and leaders of the race who have toiled mightily in the service of the Beloved Community. Precious unto us is the memory of the unnumbered millions who humble and nameless the straight hard pathway have trod.

"Still does the spirit of Jesus speed on its conquering way. Still do the prophets and martyrs inspire men to heroism and self-sacrifice in the service of life.

"We too are members of the Beloved Community. A thousand unseen ties bind us in one living body apart from which there is no life.

"We too would make our contribution to the unborn future, and find immortality in the radiant life of the Beloved Community. We are strong with the strength of all mankind, the courage of Humanity's burden bearers of all the years descends upon us. We are thine, O Beloved Community! Take us! Use us! Let our whole lives be an offering laid on thy living altar."

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November 4 (World Temperance Sunday).

Topic: The Pioneers Pass.

Hymns: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life. God Send Us Men. Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus.

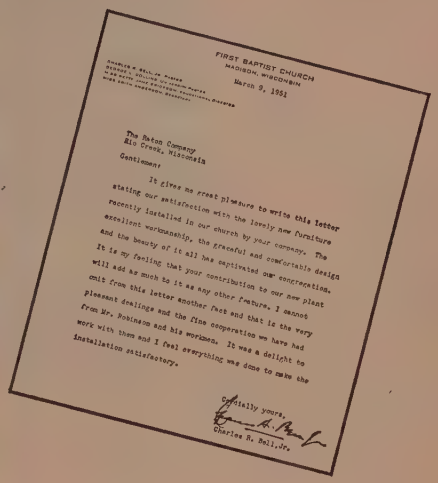
Lesson: Luke 10:1-20. Text: Luke 10:2. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

In 1946 one of the mightiest voices against the liquor trade was stilled by death. Dr. Howard Hyde Russell, who spent fifty-nine years fighting it, died. The ninety-one-year-old nationally known lawyer, preacher, crusader and founder and first superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League ended his career.

Dr. Russell left his law practice to enter Oberlin College as a theological student. It was there in 1887 that he started his fight, a campaign that led to the founding of the League five years later.

Dr. Russell pushed the dry fight for thirty-three years before the Eighteenth Amendment became effective in 1920. Repeal of the Amendment thirteen years later brought him out of retirement and started him on another drive.

The reform for which Dr. Russell fought so strenuously has been halted. Conditions now are worse than ever in the country's history. Within twenty-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Social drinking has become commonplace. In July, 1946, President Truman showed up at a cocktail party given by the Speaker of the House, Sam Rayburn, "featuring shrimp, whisky and Texans." A news dispatch said that the Speaker escorted Mr. Truman the length of the room to the improvised bar. The President got his drink.

The pioneers have passed but the work must go on. More stalwarts are needed. "There is much grain ready to be cut, but not enough workers: so make prayer to the Lord of the grainfields that he will send workers to get in the grain." (Basic English).

Workers are needed in public life. But the crying need is for men and women who will take a stand against social drinking. Men and women who will refuse to patronize places where liquor is sold, and who will have the courage to refuse to serve it in their own homes.

In 1941 Dean Christian Gauss announced the repeal of the near two-century-old Princeton University rule forbidding under-graduates to keep liquor in their rooms. Since 1747 "the keeping or using of alcoholic liquors in any student's room" had been punishable by suspension or expulsion from the university. It is against this tendency that a strenuous protest is needed.

It is said that in China eleven centuries before Christ some of the emperors tried to eliminate the drink evil by eradicating the vines. That in Greece Lycurgus killed the vines and Draco killed drunkards. That St. Dunstan limited the drinks of his monks by putting pegs into their drinking cups, and that he also induced King Edgar to limit the number of taverns by law. That Abubeker punished Mohammedans who used wine by fourscore strokes on the soles of their feet.

It has always been necessary to restrain the use of liquor. Never was it more necessary than today.

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November 11 (World Peace Sunday).

Topic: Is World Peace Possible?

Hymns: We Praise Thee, O God. God the Omnipotent. Before Jehovah's Awful Throne.

Lesson: Isaiah 11. Text: Isaiah 11:9. "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Is world peace possible? That question is haunting us today. There is a widespread fear that it must be answered in the negative.

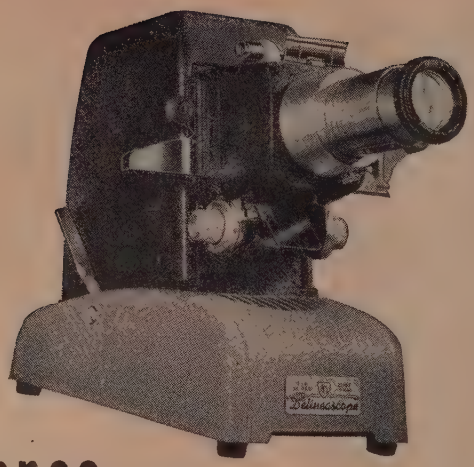
Dr. James Black, after a visit to Berlin, wrote: "May I say that I found most people to whom I talked obsessed with a kind of unacknowledged fear in their hearts. I cannot discuss some of the topics they mentioned, but nearly everyone in Belgium, Holland and Germany is asking, 'What about the future, and what hope is there of any stable settlement in distracted Europe?' "

There have been long intervals of peace in the past. Professor John Middleton Murry, one of England's leading educators, surveyed the outlook in an address. He said the most famous period of peace in the historic past of the West was undoubtedly the Pax Romana. It lasted about 400 years. It was imposed upon the Mediterranean world by military might. It had to be militarily defended continuously against pressure from the barbarians outside.

Peace of that kind is possible in the twentieth century. But is it the kind of peace we want? The trend seems to be in that direction.

Isaiah envisioned a different kind of peace. A peace based on amity and goodwill, when "none shall injure, none shall kill, anywhere on my sacred hill." (Moffatt). That is the kind of peace we desire.

How can such a peace be brought about? Indirectly Isaiah gives the answer. He wrote, "For the land shall be as full of the knowledge of the Eternal as the ocean-bed is full of water." (Moffatt).



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It is up to the peace-lovers then to spread the knowledge of the Lord.

In 1949, Sir Stafford Cripps made an address on the topic, "Has Christianity Lost Its Touch?" *The Daily Herald* reported that it "brought a bumper post bag."

One wrote: "Our vital need is to begin to practice Christ's teachings in all our dealings with other peoples and not go on waiting for other countries to behave as we think they should."

Another wrote: "With Sir Stafford following Christ's directive in his own life, and helping our government to do the same in national and international affairs, with millions backing this policy in their private and public lives, the New World becomes not a hope but a certainty."

James Oppenheim wrote:

Would you end war?
Create great Peace. . . .
The peace that demands all of a man,
His love, his life, his veriest self;
Plunge him into the smelting fires of
a work that becomes his child. . . .
Go search your heart, America. . . .
Turn from the machine to man,
Build, while yet there is time, a creative Peace. . . .
While there yet is time!
For if you reject great Peace,
As surely as vile living brings disease,
So surely your selfishness brings war.

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November 18 (Thanksgiving Sunday).

Topic: Praise Ye the Lord!

Hymns: Come Ye Thankful People, Come. The Harp at Nature's Advent Strung. We Plough the Fields and Scatter.

Lesson: Psalm 65. Text: Psalm 67:3. "Let all the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee."

A paeon of praise runs all through the Bible. It contains many expressions of joy and triumph.

Praise is a delightful and profitable exercise. As Dr. Thomas Chalmers said: "One of the most essential preparations for eternity is delight in praising God; a higher acquirement I do think, than even delight and devoutness in prayer."

Gratitude is the key to the observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Cicero called gratitude the mother of virtues, the most capital of all duties. He used the words grateful and good as synonymous terms, inseparably united in the same character.

As Thanksgiving approaches many are asking themselves, "What have I to be thankful for?" Some counting their handicaps rather than their blessings, are inclined to say, "Very little."

Dr. Ross T. McIntire, in his book, *White House Physician*, writes: "Now that there is a let-down from the intense emotionalism of war, when every citizen was keyed to service and sacrifice, there is a distinctly *whiny* note in the voice of America. With all of us picking up old threads and finding them sadly tangled, there is a very perceptible tendency to mean irritations and pettiness of soul."

On the other hand, some people are naturally optimistic. They always look on the bright side of life.

George Ade, the Indiana humorist, looking back at life as he neared his sixty-ninth birthday, said: "Boy, O

boy! The fellow who lived the last fifty years, he's seen some show! It's been a great life, and no matter what comes in the next half-century, my century, my generation has had the best of life."

Cecil Rhodes was an English statesman. He was sent to South Africa for his health and there amassed a fortune. He gave $30,000,000 to found the Rhodes Scholarships at Oxford. He once explained his philosophy of life to W. T. Stead, the journalist.

"Think of the comparative. That is, you are always to compare your lot with the worst fate of multitudes of others who have survived worse disasters than you have encountered."

We can join in the sentiment expressed by Thomas Curtis Clark:

We thank Thee, Lord, on this recurring day,
For liberty to worship as we will;
We thank Thee for the hero souls of old
Who dared wild seas their mission to fulfill.
O, gird our hearts with stalwart faith in good,
Give us a new trust in Thy providing hand,
And may a spirit born for brotherhood
Inspire our hearts and bless our native land.

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November 25.

Topic: The Supreme Law.

Hymns: Father, Again in Jesus' Name We Meet. More Love to Thee, O Christ. I Sought His Love in Sun and Stars.

Lesson: Matthew 22:34-46. Text: Matthew 22:37. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."

In many parts of the Bible are found laws concerning our relation to God and to one another. Some applied only to the Hebrews. But many of them are of general application.

In the Book of Leviticus specific laws are recorded. The Hebrews were to be generous when they reaped their harvests. They were not to steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie, nor swear by God's name falsely. They should not defraud. They should pay their workers promptly. They should not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in the way of the blind.

There were other laws. Thou shalt not be a tale bearer. Thou shalt not trump up charges against thy neighbor. Thou shalt not avenge. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Many of the Hebrew laws dealt with practical things. They are valid today.

But there is one supreme law. It was stated by Jesus. "You must love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with your whole mind. This is the greatest and chief command." Heart . . . soul . . . mind, that is with all one's powers.

Henri Frederic Amiel in his *Intimate Diary* wrote: "Only one thing is needful—to possess God. The senses, the powers of the soul, and all the outward resources are so many vistas opening upon Divinity, so many ways of tasting and adoring God. To be detached from all that is fugitive, and to seize only on the eternal and the absolute, using the rest as no more than a loan, a tenancy! To worship, understand, receive, feel, give, act—this is your law, your duty, your heaven!"

Charles Carroll Albertson suggests where we can see God and so learn to love him.

Yet if I look more closely to discern
Some feature of thy face
To love, and not alone to marvel at,
I find it in the peace
That rests on many an aged face;
The courage of the stedfast walk
Along the path of unrewarded toil;
The selfless chivalry of those
Who serve the lowly poor—
Yea, Lord, I see thee there.

Dr. Arthur H. Merritt, a widely read scholar as well as one of the most distinguished members of the dental profession in America, author, lecturer and churchman, wrote: "I had the good fortune to be brought up in a godly home. My mother, who was a widow at thirty-one, with six children of whom I was the eldest at ten, would gather that small brood about her each morning after breakfast, and in language more eloquent than any which I possess, would commit them to the care of one whom she knew better than her neighbor in the next farm house. All that I am or can ever hope to be, I owe to my mother and to the God whom she worshipped. That mother placed God first in her life. She loved him supremely."

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ADVENT

December 2.

Topic: Good News!

Hymns: Hail to the Lord's Anointed. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Lord Jesus, Son of Mary.

Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11. Text: Isaiah 40:9. "O Jerusalem, that bringeth good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength."

Looking into the future, a prophet predicted happier days ahead. He said, "Up to the high hills, O herald of happiness to Zion! Raise your voice loudly, O herald of happiness to Jerusalem, raise it fearlessly, and tell the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God!'" (Moffatt).

Why is the Advent of Jesus good news? James Montgomery, in his hymn, Hail to the Lord's Anointed, makes several suggestions.

1. "He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free." Paul wrote, "Christ has truly made us free: then keep your free condition and let no man put a yoke upon you again." Galatians 5:1. (Basic English).

2. "He comes to take away transgression." Paul wrote: "Happy are those who have forgiveness for their wrongdoing, and whose sins are covered. Happy is the man against whom no sin is recorded by the Lord." Romans 4:7, 8. (Basic English).

3. "He comes to help the poor and needy, to bid the weak be strong. To give them songs for singing." Paul wrote: "For you see the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, how though he had wealth, he became poor on your account, so that through his need you might have wealth." II Corinthians 8:9. (Basic English).

4. "He comes to bring love, joy and hope." Paul wrote: "Now may the God of hope make you full of joy and peace through faith, so that all hope

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may be yours in the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13. (Basic English).

Professor Momerie gave some good advice. He wrote: "If you do not love him, it must be because you do not know him. Either he is seldom in your thoughts, or you think of him as a dogma rather than a person. Try and picture him to yourself as of old he lived, and talked and worked in Palestine. Remember how wonderfully, like no one before or since, he combined all conceivable excellences.

"He had the tenderness of the most womanly woman, and at the same time the strength of the manliest man. Though invincible by the temptations which assailed himself, he was always ready to make the most generous allowance for those who failed and fell. . . .

"He was keenly alive to the paramount importance of the spirit and eternity, and yet no one was ever so thoughtfully considerate for men's temporal and bodily welfare. . . .

"Think of this and much more in that sad, beautiful, sublime career. Think of him till you love him and your love has made you like him. Nothing short of this will make you what Christ would call a Christian."

Whittier wrote:

To thee our full humanity,
Its joys and pains belong;
The wrong of man to man on thee
Inflicts a deeper wrong.

In simple trust like those who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee.

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December 9 (Bible Sunday).

Topic: A Profitable Pursuit.

Hymns: O Word of God Incarnate. Break Thou the Bread of Life. Lamp of Our Feet.

Lesson: Psalm 19. Text: Psalm 19:8-11. "The statutes of the Lord are right, . . . and in keeping them is great reward."

Bible study has a commercial value. The Psalmist tells us that the statutes of the Lord are right, and in keeping of them there is great reward. And it is in the Bible that these statutes are set forth.

When John Wanamaker was a boy of eleven, working in his father's brickyard, he invested in a Bible. It was a small red volume, costing $2.75, and he paid for it in installments. He read it all his life and applied it literally to his problems.

He accepted without question its claim that faith could move mountains. When at the age of twenty-two he started his first store with his savings of $1,900 everyone that knew him said that he would fail. But he had faith and he succeeded.

The Bible not only shaped his character, he got his most important business ideas from it. Through these ideas, as President Taft said, Wanamaker became the greatest merchant in America.

Wanamaker wrote: "That little red Bible was the greatest and most important and far-reaching purchase I have ever made, and every other investment in my life seems to me only secondary."

Perhaps that is putting Bible study on too low a basis. But it is a legitimate basis that appeals to many today. Many of our most successful businessmen attribute their success to following the ideas they have found in the Bible.

Bible study has also a cultural value. The statutes of the Lord are enlightening as well as profitable. (Verse 8.) Men in public life recognize that.

Addressing the cadets of West Point, Admiral Alfred T. Mahan said: "After much experience of bad and good, of religion and irreligion, I assure you with the full force of the conviction of a lifetime, that to one who has mastered the Word of God, even imperfectly, it brings a light, a motive, strength and a support which nothing else does."

In 1949, when Frank Lausche was inaugurated as governor of Ohio, he placed his hand on the open Bible. The book was opened to a text of Lausche's own choosing. His hand rested on Luke 4:18.

President Truman chose two of the most famous passages in the Scriptures, the Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments on which to place his hand at his inauguration. The two Bibles used in the swearing-in ceremony were held by the clerk of the Supreme Court. The president's left hand rested on both while he took the presidential oath. "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the United States, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

With these considerations in view, it is cheering to note that the Bible is still the best seller that book publishers produce. It recorded almost two and one-half times as many sales in 1947 as in pre-war 1939. Sales in that year totaled 9,248,000 copies having a factory value of $9,285,000 according to the Census bureau.

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December 16.

Topic: Will You Go Away?

Hymns: Father, in Thy Mysterious Presence Kneeling. I Need Thee Every Hour. Dear Lord and Father of Mankind.

Lesson: Galatians 1. Text: Galatians 1:6. "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel."

Man seems to have an innate tendency to backslide. To slip back. To lapse. To fall back in principle or practice.

A physician said that he knew 300 people who had made promises to God on what they supposed was their deathbed. They recovered, but only ten of them kept their promises. Another physician's experience was that of one hundred who made such promises only three kept them.

The Jews were often rebuked and punished because they forsook God. Jeremiah wrote, "You rejected me, says the Eternal, ever rebelling." 15:6. (Moffatt).

Jesus was saddened because a large number of his followers turned back. When the crowd found that there was to be no more free loaves and fishes they lost interest in the new Teacher. John records the sad fact that "From that time many of his disciples went back

and walked no more with him." 6:66.

In his letter to the Galatians Paul expresses surprise at their backsliding. He wrote: "I am astonished you are hastily shifting like this, deserting him who called you by Christ's grace and going over to another gospel." (Moffatt).

One would do well to think twice before he backslides. When many of his followers deserted him, Jesus asked the twelve, "Will ye also go away?" Peter gave the only sensible answer, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." John 6:67, 68.

Ministers have always been amazed and saddened by the large number of people who turn back.

This is especially noticeable after an evangelistic campaign. Thousands start out in the Christian life, but they only run well for awhile.

It is also demonstrated by the large number of members that are annually removed from church rolls. It is both amazing and alarming. Why do they backslide?

Dr. Atwood made this suggestion in the *Universalist* a number of years ago. "If they will put the law of God in place of their worldly or sensual desires, if they will break off the vices and self-indulgencies and injustices which they now practice, . . . they may find the church a help where it is now a hindrance. The other method of bringing the two into harmony would be to sink the theory and teaching of the church to the level of the worldly aims and the self-indulgent spirit. This temptation is felt, powerfully, by churches and ministers, and is yielded to more or less. But it is the glory as it is the real strength of our organized religion, that it is so generally true to its high aim and faithful to its high trust."

Jesus had no use for backsliders. He said, "No man who, having put his hand to the plough, gives a look back, is good enough for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62. (Basic English).

Christian G. Rossetti wrote:

None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other Hope in heaven or earth or sea.
None other hiding-place from guilt and shame,
None beside thee!

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December 23. (Christmas Sunday).

Topic: Salute the Happy Morn.

Hymns: Angels From the Realm of Glory. There's a Song in the Air. Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.

Nearly 200 years ago, John Byrom, an English physician and poet, wrote these inspiring lines:

Christians, awake! salute the happy morn
Whereon the Saviour of the world was born;
Rise to adore the mystery of love
Which hosts of angels chanted from above:
With them the joyful tidings first begun
Of God Incarnate and the Virgin's Son.

The early Christians saluted the happy morn. Their attitude is reflected in the statement of John, "And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world." I John 4:14.

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all down the centuries. An old legend says that when the early Christians first came into Northern Europe, they found the barbarians who inhabited those parts used a beautiful evergreen tree to celebrate the birthday of a pagan god. The ceremony was distasteful to the Christians, but they admired the custom of using the evergreen tree and made it their own. The tree is appropriate because it is the only tree that is green no matter how bleak the winter may be.

Charles Dickens suggests how the English people in his day saluted the happy morn. Churchgoing was a matter of course. In *Pickwick*, the members of Mr. Wardle's house party were not to stay at home because of the deep snow, nor because of the late hours and the physical exhaustion of Christmas Eve. In *Boz*, the old couple take as many children with them to church as the pew will hold.

In the *Christmas Carol*, Bob Cratchit goes to church with Tiny Tim, who on the way home said that he hoped people had seen him in church, "because he was a cripple and it might be pleasant for them to remember on Christmas Day who it was that made beggars walk and blind men see." Dickens also sent old Scrooge to church when he had become transformed into a decent "Christmassy gentleman."

How shall we salute the happy morn? Byrom points the way:

O may we keep and ponder in our mind
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind;
Trace we the Babe who has retrieved our loss,
From his poor manger to his bitter cross;
Treading his steps, assisted by his grace,
Till man's first heavenly state again takes place.

Then may we hope, the angelic throngs among
To sing redeemed, a glad triumphant song;
He that was born upon this joyful day,
Around us all his glory shall display,
Saved by his love, incessant we shall sing
Eternal praises to heaven's Almighty King.

Let us salute the happy morn by pondering on God's wondrous love. John wrote, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

And again, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." I John 4:10.

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December 30 (Week of Prayer Begins).

Topic: Don't Be a Pessimist.

Hymns: Ring Out Wild Bells. Lead, Kindly Light. 'Mid All the Traffic of the Ways.

Lesson: Psalm 42. Text: Psalm 42:5. "Why art thou cast down, O my soul?"

The Psalmist was in a pessimistic mood. His enemies were taunting him. He had a secret sorrow. He was deprived of temple privileges. So he goes to God in his agony and prays. "Right me, take my part, O God."

As we approach the end of the year, we may be inclined to pessimism.

Perhaps we may feel that we have not been appreciated.

Thackeray, the novelist, used to relate this incident. He wanted to lecture at Oxford. He sent in his card to the official whose permission it was necessary to obtain. "Thackeray, Thackeray, may I be permitted to ask your profession?" "I am an author," said Thackeray, "I am the author of *Vanity Fair*." "Never heard of it," said the Don, "something to do with the *Pilgrim's Progress*, I suppose." "I am the author of *Pendennis*." "Never heard of *Pendennis*," said the Don.

Or perhaps you have had an unsuccessful year in your profession or occupation. That is always depressing. An anonymous prophet wrote, "I thought I had been labouring in vain, spending my strength for naught." But he was cheered by the reflection, "But surely, I said, the Eternal will do me justice, my God will see to my reward." Isaiah 49:4.

Or perhaps the shadow that is creeping over the world has made you pessimistic.

An editorial in the *Christian World* on the eve of the British election in 1950, said: "We shall certainly wait for midnight, when the results begin to come in, with intense excitement. We shall not wait for it in any mood of fear or despondency. We shall still be facing the future with confidence." Those were wise words.

The Psalmist gave this antidote to pessimism. "Why art thou downcast, O my soul? Why so despairing? Wait, wait for God, I shall again be praising him, my saving help, my God." Verses 6, 7, (Moffatt).

Alice Caldwell Hegan was a Louisville society girl. She touched a million hearts with *Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch*. In working among the poor she came to know a cheerful, philosophical woman who kept together a large impoverished family. Miss Hegan spent her evenings writing this woman's story. It probably reached 100 editions and was translated into many languages. The book was so popular because it preached the gospel of optimism.

Helen Keller has a wholesome attitude toward life. She said: "I try to increase the power God has given me to see the best in everything and everyone, and make that best a part of my life. To what is good I open the doors of my being, and jealously shut them against what is bad."

Oliver Wendell Holmes once said: "I always thought that when I got to be fourscore I could wrap up my life in a scroll, tie a pink ribbon around it, put it away in a drawer, and go around doing the things I wanted to do. But I learned that when you have taken one trench, there is always a new firing line beyond." As one year ends and another begins we shall find "there is always a new firing line beyond."

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EPIPHANY

January 6.

Topic: With One Accord.

Hymns: Standing at the Portal. Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken. Blest Be the Tie That Binds.

Lesson: Acts 2:1-13. Text: Acts 2:1. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."

As he ascended to heaven, Jesus promised that he would send the Holy Spirit. In accordance with that promise the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost. He energizes the work of the Christian, assists him to grow in grace and equips him for service.

On a certain day the disciples of Jesus were all together. "During the course of the day of Pentecost they were all together . . . and they were all filled with the holy Spirit." 2:2-4. (Moffatt).

On that day the disciples were all of one accord. That was a desirable and happy situation. When that exists in a church success is assured.

Unfortunately it is often lacking in the modern church. A new church was built in Iowa some years ago. The congregation was composed chiefly of Hungarian and Bohemian miners. After its dedication they engaged in a conflict as to which race should control. The front of the church, which cost $50,000, was destroyed by an explosion.

On that day the disciples were all together. They had assembled in response to the request of Jesus. "Also as he ate with them, he charged them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father promised." 1:4 (Moffatt).

A writer says: "The truly good are of one language in prayer. Whatever lines or angles of thought may separate them in other hours, when they pray in extremity, all good men pray alike."

John B. Kelso has given us a suitable prayer for these times. "In these days of perplexity support and comfort thy people when they are suffering distress. Strengthen the church that it may stand forth before the world fine and holy, strong to relieve suffering, filled with passion for humanity, with hatred for all wrong, aflame with love for thee. Thus may thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

The church has tried many experiments in order to attract people to a week-evening service. On the whole they have been worthwhile and successful.

It is however a moot question as to whether they are promoting the real, supreme mission of the church. The test is, have they promoted the spiritual life of the churches?

May it not be that the abandonment of the prayer meeting has led to deterioration in that respect? It may be that the time has come to return to the old custom when the people came with one accord to seek the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

There was a time when the prayer meeting was given the primary place. Because Wednesday night was prayer meeting night the Youngstown, Ohio, Retail Grocers Association changed its weekly meeting to Tuesday night. During the Billy Sunday campaign many of the grocers were converted and they wanted to be at the prayer meeting.

Whittier's lines are worth recalling:

Heart answers heart in one desire
The blending lines of prayer aspire;

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IS YOUR CHURCH A TAX DODGER?

Tax Laws You Should Know

*By William M. Hunter**

SEVERAL years ago a former G-Man came out with a sensational book, *The Tax Dodgers*, exposing how racketeers and others were bilking the government of millions of dollars a year through fraudulent income tax returns.

Shocking? Of course!

However, I have long suspected that many churches, too, are "tax dodgers"!

They have been—and are—persistent violators of the federal tax on admissions to amusements—partly through ignorance of the law (no excuse, by the way) and partly through deliberate subterfuge (legally, fraud). Now, as a result of an investigation I have made for *Church Management*, it seems to me that they are "tax dodgers" on the state and local level as well, for there are many tax laws affecting churches of which ministers and trustees are doubtless either unaware or evading because they are taking "calculated risks."

Uncle Sam Wants In

Take the federal tax on amusements. Uncle Sam charges a straight 20% tax (one cent on every nickel admission charge) on all admissions to parties, socials, plays, entertainments, bingoes, raffles, or what have you. Uncle Sam wants in on the proceeds. The only exception is that when children under twelve years of age are charged nine cents or less, there is no tax.

Please notice, it makes no difference in the eyes of the federal law whether it is a benefit or pecuniary profit affair, or whether you call it a "donation" or "contribution," so long as you charge a specific price for admission to the event. Believe me, I've checked it many times: Uncle Sam makes no distinction in this matter between churches and out-and-out commercial enterprises. Even church suppers—when there is an entertainment also involved—are taxable. I might add that calling an admission charge a "donation" or a "contribution," or any other euphemism, may be construed as evidence of intent to defraud the government.

Furthermore, any time Uncle Sam's internal revenue men suspect you are not collecting and paying the tax on admissions—I am told that churches knowingly or ignorantly defraud the government of millions of dollars every year—they have the right to ask to see your records and tax you (plus penalties) for admission-entrance events for the past four years! Also, if they have reason to suspect fraud through concealment or non-payment (or non-reporting) they can go back as far as they wish, not only collecting the tax, but also inflicting the heavy legal penalties for such tax evasion.

The only way a church is not liable for this tax is to put any entertainments or fund-raising projects strictly on a free-will offering basis.

I have had this happen many times when I have told brother ministers about this federal tax: they have joshed and said, "Maybe they have the right to do that, but they wouldn't do that; it would be construed as persecution of the churches."

I agree with them—to a degree—but on the other hand, if a complaint is lodged against a church by anyone, member or not—the tax men have to investigate, and if concealment is found, either wilful or ignorant, they have to take action! We all know there are anti-religious crack-pots who would delight to embarrass the churches with such a legal involvement, if only they could. Is such a "calculated risk" worth it? Judge for yourself.

Please don't blame me for this; I am sure to receive letters from some readers who will accuse me of the whole matter. I have this information straight from the Internal Revenue Office. I'm not arguing throughout this article for the rightness or wrongness of any of the taxes mentioned. I'm merely reporting them. If you think the law should be changed, write your congressman, senator, or state or municipal legislators.

Also, please bear this in mind: Ignorance of the law is never (or rarely) considered an excuse. My "unpleasant" revelations may save you some grief later on. At least, I hope so.

The basic presumption of many tax laws involving the churches seems to be that when the church is engaged in

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a commercial or semi-commercial venture—theoretically in competition with legitimate, and in the case of bingo and raffles, illegitimate business enterprise—then the church must be expected to pay the same tax as the business with which it is in competition.

The general idea, "You can't tax the church," is still basically true and sound, but is a church a church when it engages in a strictly commercial enterprise? For that matter when is an enterprise commercial? Is the conduct of entertainments, bazaars, bingoes (frequently in violation of gambling laws in many states), the function of the church? Scripturally and traditionally the church is commonly supposed to be supported by "tithes and offerings." So far as I can discover in my survey for *Church Management,* no states or municipalities tax the church for its uniquely and distinctly churchly functions, though customs and laws vary drastically from state to state as to taxes on non-churchly affairs and events.

What Are "Churchly Functions"?

Most of us are ready to agree with the principle, "Let the church be the church." We see the fairness of non-taxation for churches when engaged in "churchly functions"—if only we can agree on what constitutes churchly functions!

Though this article contends that many churches are tax dodgers—my major illustration of a church situation happens to be that of a church which wants to obey the law and which feels it is obeying the law! Yet it has run into many complications—simply by living up to a conception of the session and of the pastor of what constitutes "churchly functions" or "religious use."

I'm sure you've heard or read of the Village Presbyterian Church in New York's Greenwich Village. This church has pioneered in various types of community service, notable among these being the famous "Lemonade Opera." Also, the church has had a successfully happy arrangement whereby the Village Temple, a Hebrew congregation, shares the church facilities in a practical experience and experiment in "Inter-Faith in Action."

According to Pastor Jesse William Stitt, "Religious use is seeking to meet the needs of the community."

In New York State, Art. IV, Sub. 6 of the State Tax Law, churches are exempt from *ad valorem* ("to the value" taxes on property) taxes "if used exclusively for educational, charitable, or religious purposes." A tax commission official in New York City told me that "exclusively means just exactly that." While it is not customary to collect *ad*

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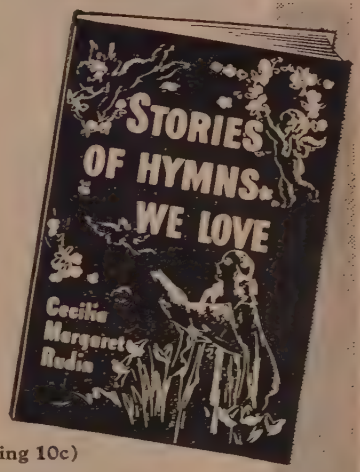

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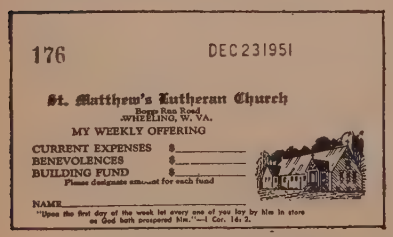

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valorem taxes, by putting a church on the tax roll by means of assessment and collection, for "occasional small use" of the church's facilities by outside or "commercial" activities, yet according to a strict interpretation of the law a church must be listed on the tax rolls when it "rents" its facilities to outside groups. Here, too, we have a matter of definition: when is it rent and when a "contribution to help defray expenses"?

Up to 1948, even though the Village Presbyterian Church conducted an aggressive community service program, the church was not listed on the property tax rolls. However, in 1948, an anonymous complaint was lodged with the City Tax Commission, which works under the state, not city, laws. Accordingly, an investigator came to the church to interview Dr. Stitt, who explained the nature of the church's community activities.

Evidently Dr. Stitt's explanation was acceptable, for nothing came of the matter—at the time.

Meanwhile, the "Lemonade Opera" received nation-wide publicity. Also, the arrangement whereby the Jewish congregation shared the church with a Christian congregation attracted similar attention. Yet the actual status had not changed one bit from that in 1948, except there had been considerable publicity in the press.

Again in 1950, on another anonymous complaint, the same investigator interviewed Dr. Stitt. Shortly thereafter, the church received a summons to a hearing as to whether it should have its tax-exempt status revoked. There is reason to believe that commercial theatrical interests, resentful of the "rave" notices the Lemonade Opera received (many critics rated it better than Broadway shows), were back of the anonymous complaint, for simultaneously a horde of investigators started converging upon the Village Church —fire inspectors, plumbing inspectors, electrical inspectors, water inspectors, police inspectors, and so on and on and on. Even the unions tried to "get into the act," trying to force the church to hire union actors, union musicians, union stage hands, and the like, for strictly non-professional productions of a community-service nature.

Meanwhile a lawyer, not a member of either congregation using the church's facilities, helped prepare a formal application for exemption from taxation of the church and its property. There is no need to go into the complete document, but simply to quote those portions which list the specific uses to which the church property was put which carried out the conception of the session and of the pastor concerning "churchly functions" or "religious use":

32. Lot 65 (139 West 13th Street)—residence of caretaker of church; minister's study; meeting rooms for various church societies and groups and general church use. This is not a parsonage.

Lot 66 (143 West 13th Street)—The church edifice. The main floor is used for worship by the congregation of the church. The basement is used for Sunday School classes, meetings, and functions of the Young People's activities, women's societies, meetings of Greenwich Mews Players, Lemonade Opera (during summer), all of which are an integral part of the church program for community work, and all under the guidance and direction of the church.

The Village Temple pays no rent for this use. No part or portion of the church property is specifically set aside for the sole and exclusive use of the temple. This use by the temple began January, 1949, and has continued since then. The temple has since then voluntarily contributed to the church the sum of $100 per month to help defray the additional expense incurred by the church by reason of this joint use. A more detailed statement of this joint use is contained in the petition which is annexed to these papers in support of the application for exemption made by Dr. Jesse W. Stitt.†

The use of the basement of the church during the summer by the "Lemonade Opera" is part of the church program for community activities. The Opera is not an independent, commercial group, but rather a group which the church helped organize and which it sponsors. No rent is paid to the church. Nominal charges are made for admission out of which during 1948 and 1949 the church received as a contribution $25 for each performance to help cover part of the added expense to the church by reason of this use. No one has made a profit and the venture was not founded on a profit motive.‡ The group gives opera in English and it has served the community and others well. No specific part or portion of the church property is set aside for the sole and exclusive use of the Opera. There are no permanent seats, and the basement portion is likewise used for Sunday school classes, society meetings of the church, etc. A more detailed statement of this use is likewise contained in the petition of Dr. Jesse W.

†Since this application was made, the Village Church and the Village Temple undertake the support of the parish house work on a 50-50 basis. Thus, though both are using the same facilities, each works for their support as though they were its own.

‡Dr. Stitt amplifies this contention as follows: The charges for admission are nominal, in fact, that during the 1948 and 1949 seasons, there were respective deficits of $2500 and $2800. No one has made a profit. Out of the receipts, the church received a contribution of $25 for each performance. This merely covered part of the added expense to which the church was put by this use of its property. Despite the deficit, efforts will again be made to have another season of this opera this year and contributions from interested citizens will probably have to be solicited to accomplish this. The Lemonade Opera is now a nationally known group and many will not wish to see it dissolved and will assist. In all the plans for the continuation of this group, the church is an active participant since it is one of the church projects for community service.

Stitt, the pastor of the church, annexed to these papers in support of the application for exemption.

Actually the hearing, as such, was not held. The Village Presbyterian Church was not put on the tax rolls. However, this again raises the question, the problem: "What are churchly functions?"

Whether or not we agree with Dr. Stitt's definition of "churchly functions" or "religious use"—"seeking to meet the needs of the community"—it is obvious that some activities seem to be commercial, even though strictly non-profit in a financial sense.

As Dr. Stitt expresses it—and this would apply, I suppose, to most groups —"Just because we are not traditional is no reason to penalize us."

This matter must be borne in mind, for our survey shows that state after state, community after community, maintain a tax-free status for churches only so long as they are "devoted solely to churchly functions." It is possible that few judges would like a test case of this sort to enter their courts, if they could help it, for to attempt a definition of "churchly functions" is courting the political guillotine!

Yet this confusion must not lead us to complacency or satisfied smugness. The "narrow escape" of the Village Presbyterian Church clearly reveals that there is a real danger. We do not always know when we may be subject to anonymous complaints. Just before I arrived in my present parish, an anonymous complaint was lodged with the fire department concerning an alleged infraction on the part of the custodian. Actually, there are many churches and public buildings in the city of New York which are much worse than ours was, I am informed reliably, but someone with a grudge, we believe, against our custodian put in the complaint.

Furthermore, few municipalities or states will give an in-advance ruling. The church often has to break the law before it knows it has broken it, unless it can secure competent legal counsel, or unless it consults regularly the tax regulations that apply to churches. Later in this article I will suggest a number of such sources, where I know of them, in particular states or municipalities.

In some localities I find, by personal expressions and conversations with ministers, this ignorance of the law can be a dangerous weapon in the persecution of religious groups. Sometimes a dominant religious group may use obscure laws to bludgeon out of existence, or at least into ridicule, annoying minorities. This matter of technicalities can be very upsetting, at times.

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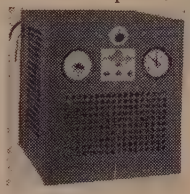

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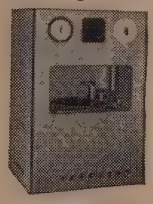

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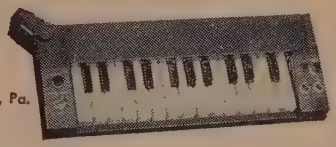

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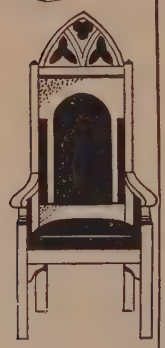

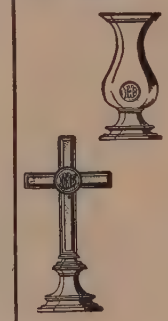

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In our questionnaire we asked the following questions; most of them could be answered by a simple "Yes" or "No":

Does your state or municipality have a sales tax?

Must churches pay the sales tax on purchases made in your state or municipality?

Do you grant a certificate whereby churches may be excused from paying a state or municipal sales tax?

Must churches levy and collect a tax on sales made at church affairs, such as bazaars, suppers, etc.?

Does your state or municipality have an admissions tax, similar to the federal admissions tax?

Are churches required to pay an admissions tax for events which have a set fee?

What percentage do you charge on sales?

What percentage do you charge on admissions?

Do you tax church property for any purposes whatever? If so, for what purposes?

If a church allows the use of parish house or other church property for limited use by dramatic, cultural, or other organizations producing regular plays, programs, etc., the church receiving a fee for the use of its property, is the church subject to taxation?

Does your state or municipality persist in enforcing these tax laws? How are offenders apprehended and punished?

The major portion of this article from now on will seek to interpret these replies in terms of the local church situation, proceeding by states and municipalities. After the interpretive explanation and report, we will reproduce a statistical summary for ready reference, followed by certain conclusions brought about by this study. Much of this material may seem of limited interest, but it should prove helpful to students of the relationship of church and state to study these variations.

Alabama

Alabama has a state sales tax. Several unnamed cities and one county have an additional sales tax, also. Churches are required to pay the sales tax; there is no exemption granted, even by certificate. Churches conducting merchandising events such as bazaars or suppers are required to collect and to pay the 2% state sales tax.

There is no admissions tax as such though the sales tax applies to admissions as well.

There is no *ad valorem* tax on church property, though the sales and use tax of 2% applies on purchases of lumber and building materials, say, when building a church or a manse.

A list of counties and municipalities imposing a sales tax may be secured by writing Honorable Ed Reid, Secretary; League of Municipalities; Montgomery, Alabama.

The state enforces the tax laws "as best we can," according to J. A. Stephens, assistant commissioner of revenue. He adds, "The law provides penalties (not criminal) for failure to file returns and pay the tax."

Arizona

According to Elwood W. Driggs, director of revenue, state of Arizona, there is a state sales tax, churches must pay it on purchases made, and they are not exempt. On the other hand, they are not required to collect or to pay such a tax on bazaars or suppers. There is no admissions tax. The percentage of the state sales tax was not reported.

Church property is taxed when used for purposes other than worship, though it is not taxed when facilities are used for "dramatic, cultural, or other organizations." In answer to our question, "How are offenders apprehended and punished?" Mr. Driggs wrote, "Church affairs are considered as occasional affairs."

Arkansas

Dean R. Morley, commissioner of the department of revenue, replied for the state of Arkansas. There is a state sales tax. Churches are required to pay on purchases made, there being no exemption. There is no tax on sales at bazaars or suppers if they are "nonprofit, charitable, or occasional." The 2% state sales tax also applies to admissions.

There is no *ad valorem* tax on churches except the 2% sales tax on all consumed items. There is no tax on parish houses used for other purposes, probably subject to some limitations however. The laws are enforced, and offenders are "subject to civil penalties provided by law."

California

According to Ronald B. Welch, chief of the division of research and statistics, California board of equalization, this state has a 3% state sales tax which churches must pay. Churches must levy and collect this tax at bazaars, suppers, and the like. There is no admissions tax.

Church property is taxed only "if used for profit; for example, if a church owns a business property and uses the income for church support, the business property is subject to taxation." On the other hand, there is no tax on the parish house or church buildings for occasional dramatic, cultural, or other groups of this sort, "if only occasional use for this purpose exists."

The tax laws are enforced "by collection of penalties and interest."

Colorado

Colorado has a 2% sales tax, according to H. Lawrence Hinkley, deputy attorney general for the state. Churches need not pay on purchases "if in conduct of regular functions." No certificate of exemption is granted. Churches must levy and collect the sales tax at bazaars and suppers. There is no admissions tax.

Church property is not taxed if used exclusively for religious worship. Similarly there is no tax on parish houses, etc., for outside activities within limits "subject to filing of affidavit of exemption."

Colorado enforces the tax laws, no indication given how offenders are apprehended and punished.

Connecticut

According to John F. Tarrant, tax research director, Connecticut has a 2% state sales tax which churches need not pay, being granted a certificate of exemption. However, they must levy and collect this tax at bazaars and suppers. There is no state admissions tax.

There is no tax on church property even when parish houses and the like are used for other purposes, as indicated in our questionnaire, "unless constantly devoted to non-church functions."

Delaware

Churches can be relatively honest in Delaware. There is no sales tax, no admissions tax, no *ad valorem* tax on the church, and these laws are not enforced.

Florida

F. G. Merrin, Jr., writing on behalf of C. M. Gay, comptroller, and R. E. Waterman, director in the sales and use tax division of the state of Florida, provided an unusually full reply to our questionnaire.

There is a 3% state tax which churches are exempted from paying, by certificate. There is no requirement for churches to levy and collect the tax on bazaars, suppers, etc., if everything is donated and if the entire proceeds go to the church. The same applies when there is an admission charge. However, when a church group—say a church auxiliary—purchases "tangible personal property at wholesale, and in return sell at retail to ultimate consumers, the church must collect the sales tax on the price of the property."

Similarly the state sales tax applies on all admissions over 41 cents exclusive of Federal tax. If the talent is donated, churches need not pay this tax, but "if a church hires a performer to put on an entertainment . . . then the sales tax must apply."

There is no *ad valorem* tax on church property, nor is there a tax on parish houses where "reasonable" use by outside organizations is permitted, though the sales tax provisions mentioned above do apply.

The following explanation is important, for it expresses the philosophy and legal interpretation of such laws in many states:

"The comptroller's ruling and interpretation of the sales tax law as it applies to churches is predicated upon whether or not a church attempts to enter into direct competition with retail merchants, in that they would be selling tangible personal property at retail, without collecting the necessary sales tax or offering entertainment without collecting the tax upon admissions. It is

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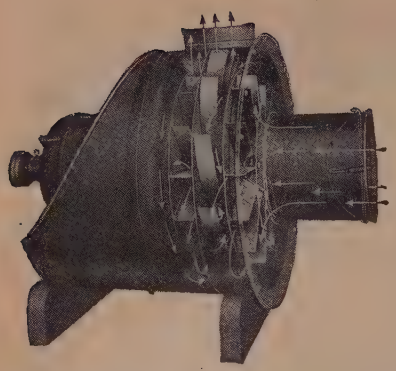

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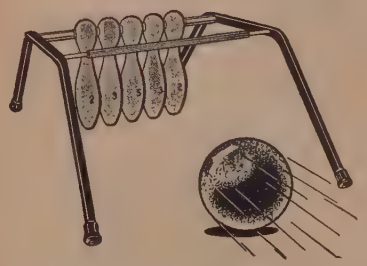

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only in such cases where the tangible personal property, food, or entertainment is donated to a church, may such type of sales and admission charges be exempt from the sales tax."

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Georgia

Our questionnaire was sent to Ben W. Fortson, Jr., secretary of state in Georgia. He referred it to the State Revenue Department, State Office Building, Atlanta, Georgia. As this goes to press, no reply to our questions has been received. It would be advisable for churches in Georgia to write directly to the State Revenue Department, for an oft-proven dictum, so far as the courts of all states are concerned, is, "Ignorance of the law is no excuse!"

Idaho

According to P. G. Neill, state tax collector, all questions we asked of the state of Idaho were answered "No." The churches have no state tax problems, then.

Illinois

Edward J. Barrett, Secretary of State for Illinois, referred our questionnaire to the Illinois Commerce Commission, 111 Centennial Boulevard, Springfield, Illinois. As this goes to press, we have no reply, though some details will be given under the reply from the city of Chicago, below. We advise Illinois churchmen to contact the commission directly for information concerning state taxes applicable to them.

Indiana

Fred C. McClurg, general counsel for the Indiana department of state revenue, informs us that Indiana has a gross receipts tax, amounting to 1¼% on gross receipts. Churches pay this tax on purchases made and are not exempted. However, they are immune from the gross receipts tax so far as collections at affairs are concerned. There is no admissions tax.

Church property undergoes "a property tax on property not used strictly for church purposes. Proceeds go to county general funds for all purposes of government."

Offenders are "subject to fine, sentence, writ of attachment, sale of property under sheriff's levy."

Iowa

Iowa has a 2% tax on both sales and admissions. Churches must pay the sales tax on purchases made with certain qualifications, these also applying to levying and collecting the tax at bazaars, suppers, and programs to which admission is charged.

Rosco P. Bane, supervisor of the refunds, sales, and use tax, expresses these qualifications as follows:

"Persons engaged in educational, religious, or charitable activities who sell tangible personal property at retail in Iowa are exempted from the payment of sales tax on the receipts deprived from such sales, provided the net proceeds are in turn expended for educational, religious, or charitable purposes.

"Such persons are entitled to purchase tax free that property which they are to resell in connection with such activities, wherein such persons are required to furnish the vendor or the supplier a proper certificate of resale indicating that they are using the property for the exempted purpose or activity outlined within said certificate of resale."

George Cosson, Jr., director of the property tax division, explains the *ad valorem* property tax laws as they apply to churches:

"Church property devoted to church purposes, including a parsonage, is exempt from assessment if claim is made for such exemption and their moneys and credits used for church purposes is exempt not to exceed the amount prescribed by their articles or charter. Property owned by a church and not used for church purposes is subject to the property tax. This would include any rental or income property even though the rent therefrom was used for church purposes.

"It has not been the practice to deny an exemption to church property because the church has received nominal fees to defray expenses for the use of such property. However, the law prohibits an exemption where property is used for pecuniary profit, and a regular rental of auditorium property, etc., would make a church subject to a claim that such property was used for profit."

Again we see the principle stated that the church engaging in commercial enterprises is subject to taxation.

Kentucky

The commonwealth of Kentucky answered our questionnaire through Mrs. Martha Shipp from the division of research, department of revenue.

There is no general state sales tax, though there is a tax on certain specific items, such as motor fuels, automobiles, cigarettes, and alcoholic beverages. (A full list obtainable in *Tax Facts, A Digest of Kentucky Tax Laws*, published by the department of revenue. Churches should secure copies of this booklet.)

There is a graduated amusement tax. However, "forms of amusement where 75% of the gross receipts goes to charitable, religious, or educational institutions within the state" are exempted from this graduated tax.

According to Mrs. Shipp, "Churches would not be subject to the amusement tax for plays or other forms of taxable entertainment provided on church property rented to a dramatic, cultural, or other organization. The organization would be liable for the tax, however, subject to exemptions and penalties provided on pages 11 and 12 of *Tax Facts*." These exemptions are: "athletic contests where one competing team is composed entirely of students from a Kentucky educational institution; dramatic or musical productions presented within a municipally owned park by civic organizations, the proceeds from the sale of admissions to which are to be used for civic purposes."

Ad valorem taxes are not collectable from "churches and not more than one-half acre in cities and towns and not more than two acres in the county."

In Kentucky, each tax law has its own penalties. We repeat, churches in

Kentucky should secure the latest edition of *Tax Facts.*

Louisiana

Lamar F. Miller, attorney, replied to our questionnaire for the state of Louisiana's department of revenue. He qualified his answers by stating in part, "the . . . question . . . which relates to *ad valorem* property taxes has been answered only unofficially, inasmuch as this department does not administer *ad valorem* taxes in this state." He speaks for W. A. Cooper, collector of revenue.

There is a 2% sales tax, also a 2% admissions tax. Churches must pay, without exemption, the sales tax on purchases made. Churches need not levy and collect the tax on sales at bazaars, suppers, etc. "Conceivably the church could register as a 'dealer' and then collect the tax from the purchasers. However, most churches pay the tax, as consumers, on materials purchased for sale at bazaars, suppers, etc." The churches are required to pay the 2% tax on admissions.

There is no *ad valorem* property tax of any sort in Louisiana as affects churches, according to Mr. Miller.

Louisiana enforces its tax laws, though how apprehended and punished is not revealed.

Maine

Maine's answers come from Harold I. Goss, Secretary of State. There is no sales nor admissions tax.

According to the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1944, Chap. 81, Sec. 6.V, "The following property and polls are exempt from taxation: . . . Houses of religious worship, including vestries, and the pews and furniture within the same, except for parochial purposes, . . . and property held by a religious society as a parsonage, not exceeding $6000 in value and from which no rent is received, . . . but all other property of any religious society, both real and personal, is liable to taxation the same as other property."

Methods of enforcement are not revealed.

Maryland

Maryland answered through George E. Gannon, chief accountant, office of the comptroller of the treasury general. There is a state sales tax, but churches are exempted by certificate from paying it on purchases made for their exclusive use. This applies to the admissions tax. There is a note to the effect that a church must collect a tax on sales at bazaars but not at suppers. A careful reading of the *Maryland Retail Sales and Use Tax Acts, With Rules and Regulations,* which was kindly sent with the questionnaire, fails to reveal this distinction. It would be well for Maryland churches to get a specific ruling by writing direct to Retail Sales Tax Division, 34 Hopkins Place, Baltimore 1, Maryland.

There is no *ad valorem* tax on exclusively church property, nor is there any when church property is used for outside groups, though the word "limited" was underscored. From this we presume that Maryland makes a distinction in degree whether or not a church is commercializing its property by rentals to outside groups. This poses a ticklish problem for some church trustees, it seems.

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Michigan

William D. Dexter, attorney, replies for Michigan's department of revenue. There is a 3% sales tax upon which churches are not required to make payment, though no certificate is granted. Churches are not required to levy and collect taxes on sales at bazaars, suppers, etc, "provided, however, churches pay the sales tax on all purchases for such purposes."

There is no admissions tax.

Church property is taxed *ad valorem:* "If the church property is not used solely for church purposes, the property is subject to local property tax." Ordinarily parish houses and the like are not taxed if outside groups use the facilities for a rental "if such use is incidental to the primary use of the property for church purposes."

Tax law violators are apprehended and punished "primarily by auditors of the Michigan department of revenue."

Here again comes up that persistent problem and principle: "No taxes on churches or church property when they are churches; taxes when they are commercial!"

Minnesota

Minnesota's department of taxation replied through department secretary Allen C. Sulerud. There is no sales nor admission tax.

"Property owned by churches but used for purposes not reasonably and necessarily connected with the church is subject to taxation," says Mr. Sulerud. Further, parish property is not usually taxed but, he adds, "property becomes taxable if non exempt use is substantial and not incidental."

State tax laws are enforced though how is not revealed.

Again we come up against the idea, "Let the church be the church!"

Mississippi

A. S. Coody, secretary to Mississippi's state tax commission, provides our reply. There is a state sales tax of an unnamed amount which churches must pay because "the tax is on the dealer, and is a part of the purchase price." No exemption certificates. Churches are not required to collect a sales tax at bazaars and suppers. There is an admissions tax of one cent on each ten-cent or fraction thereof, but churches are not required to collect or pay it.

"Churches are permitted to own only real estate for their (religious) purpose. If land (real estate) is idle, or used for business or non-religious purposes, it is taxed as other real estate." Church property may be taxed, however, "for street paving, sidewalk and gutter construction, and one time for sewer connection." Parish houses are taxed when outside groups use them only "if paid and professional talent is used."

Mr. Coody makes a nice distinction when he qualifies our question on enforcement, saying, "It is rather administration, not enforcement." As to offenders, he indicates his high regard for Mississippi churchmen, saying, "Have had no offenders; churches are not criminals."

Missouri

Missouri replies through L. M. Chiswell, supervisor of the sales tax department. The 2% state sales tax which is also the amusement tax does not apply to churches by legal definition.

If bazaars, suppers, and the like are held on church property, the church need not collect the tax; otherwise they must. The amusement tax is applicable to churches only "if programs are put on by paid talent." Otherwise no tax applies to churches.

There is no *ad valorem* tax on church property, nor on parish houses used by other groups, though Mr. Chiswell notes, "This might be governed in a measure by circumstances."

The tax laws are enforced, offenders being apprehended and punished by "tax assessments and suits generally; sometimes by arrests in flagrant cases."

Montana

The (unnamed) secretary of state for Montana indicates there is no sales nor admissions tax. Church property is not taxed, though a parish house might become subject to taxation if rental income from outside groups were a regular policy.

Nebraska

The (unnamed) Nebraska tax commissioner indicates there is no state sales nor admissions tax. Church property is taxed only "if used as independent income."

Nevada

John Koontz, secretary of state for Nevada, writes:

> ". . . There is no general sales tax in this state; nor is there a state tax on 'admissions.' We do have a tax on cigarettes, gasoline and other motor fuel; also, on real and personal property, but no use tax. We also doubt that there is any sales tax in any of our incorporated cities."

This reply seems to indicate there are no state taxes applicable to churches in Nevada. Church leaders should investigate for themselves, particularly before letting out church facilities on a rental basis.

New Hampshire

Lawton B. Chandler, secretary of the New Hampshire state tax commission, informs us there is no sales tax nor admissions tax.

Concerning *ad valorem* taxes, he states:

> "Real estate of churches is taxed locally at the annual rate for the support of local and county government, except that churches, houses occupied by ministers actively engaged, and other property acquired by a church before 1931 is exempt to a maximum of $150,000. Property acquired by church organizations since 1931 except churches themselves and rectories described above is subject to taxation as its other property, except that additions or improvements made thereto are exempt."

New Jersey

An unsigned return to our questionnaire from New Jersey states there is no sales nor admissions tax on a statewide basis. Church property is taxed "only when used other than for religious or school purposes." Parish houses rented out are subject to taxation. Tax laws are enforced "if necessary." The person filling out our questionnaire "did not know" how the laws are enforced. We suggest Jersey churches make doubly sure by checking with the Tax Department, State House, Trenton, New Jersey.

New Mexico

Ement Gibert, chief clerk for the New Mexico bureau of revenue, informs

us there is a 2% sales tax which churches must pay unless they receive an exemption certificate. Churches need not levy nor collect this tax at church affairs. The sales tax is also the admissions tax. "Churches are exempt from property and other taxes." He adds, "Our laws being liberal, violations are forestalled."

New York

Mortimer M. Kassell, deputy commissioner and counsel, writes for the New York department of taxation and finance, as follows:

"The State of New York imposes no retail sales tax. However, the legislature has authorized counties and cities to impose such a tax, and this has been done by the county of Erie and the cities of Newburgh and Poughkeepsie. As required by the enabling act, sales to or by churches are exempt from these local taxes. Pursuant to similar legislative authorization, the cities of Binghamton and Syracuse also impose taxes on admissions, but transactions by churches are likewise exempt from these taxes.

"Real property used exclusively for church purposes is not subject to real property tax. Your question concerning the taxation of church-owned property used by other organizations cannot well be answered in the abstract; specific facts will be required to determine whether any tax liability would arise in such a case."

North Carolina

North Carolina has a state sales and use tax. Churches need not pay it nor collect it at affairs. They are specifically exempted from all other taxes, including *ad valorem*. There is no admission tax.

Ohio

C. A. Elliott, assistant to the chief, division of sales and excise taxes, Ohio department of taxation, replies for his state. There is a state sales and use tax of "approximately 3%" which churches must pay unless exempted by certificate. They must also levy and collect the tax at bazaars and suppers. There is no admissions tax for the whole state, though "some municipalities have such a law." Ohio churches should check on local laws in this regard.

"Income producing property" is taxed. A notation was pencilled in concerning parsonages which is not clear. Church officers should be informed on this matter by enquiring from local tax officials.

Ohio tax laws are enforced by "arrests, or amount due collected by means of assessment and penalty."

Oklahoma

J. H. Crump of the sales tax division of Oklahoma answers for his state. There is a 2% state sales tax which churches need neither pay nor collect. There is a 2% admissions tax which churches must pay for events with a set fee.

Ad valorem taxes are not levied against churches or parish houses, "if used for church purposes. Revenue property is taxable."

Tax laws are enforced, but how is not revealed.

Oregon

The Oregan state tax commission, assessment and taxation division, tells us there is no sales nor admissions tax. The following excerpt from the state tax laws qualifies the exemptions on church property so far as *ad valorem* taxes are concerned:

"Section 110-201

"The following property shall be exempt from taxation:

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"5. The personal property of all literary, benevolent, charitable and scientific institutions incorporated within this state, * * *

"6. All houses of public worship and other additional buildings used solely for entertainment and recreational purposes by religious organizations, and the lots on which they are situated, owned by religious organizations, and the pews or slips and furniture therein; and all burial grounds, tombs and rights of burial; all lands and the buildings thereon, not exceeding 30 acres, owned and actually occupied by any crematory association incorporated under the laws of this state, used for the sole purpose of a crematory and burial place to incinerate remains; but any part of any buildings, being a house of public worship, which shall be kept or used as a store or shop, or for any other purpose, except for public worship or for schools, shall be taxed upon the cash valuation thereof, the same as other taxable property.

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"10. Before any exemption from taxation under subdivisions 5, 6 and 7 of this section shall be allowed for any year, the institution or organization claiming such exemption shall file with the county assessor, on or before the first day of February in such year, a statement verified by the oath or affirmation of the president or other proper officer of such institution or organization, listing all real property claimed to be exempt and showing the purpose for which such property is used; provided, however, that such statement shall not be required in any case where ownership and use of all property included in the statement filed with the county assessor for a prior year remain unchanged."

Pennsylvania

The commonwealth of Pennsylvania has no sales nor admissions tax, nor any *ad valorem* taxes applying to churches. However, S. Edward Hannestad, director of the legislative reference bureau, writes:

"There are thousands of political subdivisions, many of which under Act No. 481 of 1947 and its amendments and other laws have sales tax or admission tax ordinances. I believe that you can get additional information as to these political subdivisions by writing to the Bureau of Municipal Affairs, Department of Internal Affairs, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania."

Church leaders in any state should make every effort to determine their liability under the law. A letter as suggested above might save some church officers a lot of grief later on.

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taxation, says there is a sales tax which churches need not pay. There is no admissions tax. Church property is taxable for *ad valorem* taxes with the following exempt from taxation: "buildings for religious worship and the land upon which they stand and immediately surrounding the same, to an extent not exceeding one acre, so far as said buildings and land are occupied and used exclusively for religious or educational purposes." Sub-letting the parish house may lead to taxation. When a tax is due, "municipality would proceed to sell real estate for collection of tax."

South Dakota

W. R. Wilder, director of taxation, South Dakota division of taxation, reports there is a 3% sales and use tax which also applies to admissions. Churches must pay this tax on purchases, no exemption. Yet bazaars, suppers, and the like are exempt from collecting this tax "if occasional in nature and entire proceeds go into church funds." Churches must collect the sales and use tax on admissions "if carrying on a taxable business." Churches are entirely free from *ad valorem* taxes but not excises. Regular "penalties prescribed in sales and use tax laws" are laid down for violations, even when churches make them.

Tennessee

T. Keith Broyles, director, sales tax division of the department of finance and taxation, says that Tennessee has a sales tax of 2% but that churches are exempt by certificates from paying the tax. There is a definite exemption certificate, however, which must be filled out in considerable detail. Churchmen should be familiar with this detail. There is no admissions tax. Churches are not required to collect the sales tax at affairs.

"Tennessee has no state property tax on any kind of property," we are told. Mr. Broyles adds, "The various counties and municipalities, however, may have a property tax; therefore, it is necessary that a study be made of a particular locality in order that its tax liability may be determined."

Texas

Robert S. Calvert, Texas state comptroller, points out there is no general sales tax, only taxes on specific (but unlisted in his report to us) items. Churches must pay this tax, though they are not required to collect it at church affairs. There is a state admissions tax, "but churches are exempt." Church property is not taxed for any purposes whatever, even if the parish house is used for outside purposes.

Utah

Don J. Hanson of Utah's state tax commission says there is a 2% sales tax and a 2% admissions tax. Churches are exempt from the former by certificate. They need not collect the tax at church affairs, nor the admissions tax. Church property is taxed "when not used directly for or in church activities. When the parish house or the like is rented out, it is taxable." Tax offenders are apprehended and punished "by assessing tax due plus specified penalty and interest for failure to pay."

Vermont

Leonard M. Morrison, commissioner of taxes for Vermont, writes that "the State of Vermont does not have a sales tax either on a state or local basis, nor does it have an admissions tax."

Virginia

C. H. Morrissett, state tax commissioner, Commonwealth of Virginia, writes:

"Virginia is not a sales tax state. Virginia does not impose a state tax on admissions. Virginia does not impose any state tax on real estate. Real estate is subject to local taxation only. Below I quote paragraph (b) of Section 183 of the constitution which declares what church property is exempt from taxation:

"'Buildings with land they actually occupy, and the furniture and furnishings therein and endowment funds lawfully owned and held by churches or religious bodies, and wholly and exclusively used for religious worship, or for the residence of the minister of any such church or religious body, together with the additional adjacent land reasonably necessary for the convenient use of any such building.'"

Washington

James R. Stanford, supervisor of the auditing department of Washington's tax commission, indicates there is a sales tax of 3% which churches must pay when purchasing and which they must collect at church affairs. There is no admissions tax.

Ad valorem taxes are levied against churches for "all purposes other than church. Exemption limited to five acres for church and parsonage." This evidently is also true of parish houses rented out to other groups.

Tax laws are enforced; "the state may enforce a lien on personal or real property; non compliance with the act is a misdemeanor."

West Virginia

West Virginia's reply came from N. F. Connor, chief, consumers' sales tax department. There is a bracket-system sales tax. Churches making retail purchases must pay tax, but not on wholesale purchases. There are no exemption certificates, the law allowing for special purchases. Sales at bazaars, suppers, and so forth, are considered "isolated transactions," a term used to describe sales which are not regular or consecutive, hence not taxable. There is also a bracket-system admissions tax, a part of the sales tax, and here, too, churches have "isolated transactions." Church property is never taxed, though "sponsors of plays must collect the sales tax on all sales of admission tickets," sponsors being those renting church facilities.

The state enforces the laws, church offenders apprehended and punished "the same as any other organization which violates the law." Copies of *The West Virginia General Consumers' Sales and Service Tax Law* are obtainable from the State Tax Commissioner, Charlestown, West Virginia.

Wisconsin

Forrest W. Gillett, director of Wisconsin's division of property taxation, says there are no sales or admissions taxes, nor is church property taxed for any purpose whatever.

Wyoming

According to E. A. McKay, manager of the Wyoming board of equalization,

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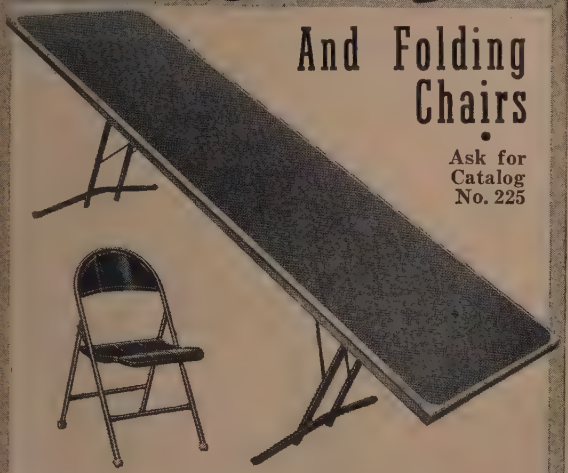

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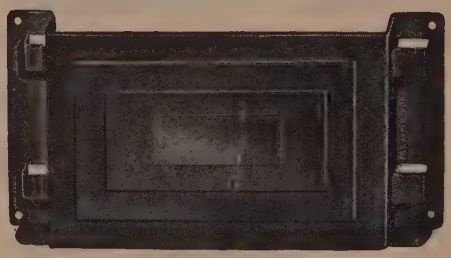

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there is a sales tax and an admission tax of 2% each. Churches are exempt by certificate from paying the tax on purchases, but must collect the tax at affairs and entertainments at which a set fee is charged. *Ad valorem* taxes "are levied if property is leased out or rented. Church property is exempt only if actually used for church purposes." This applies also to the use of parish houses for outside groups. All church records are checked to see if the law is being obeyed.

San Francisco, California

David E. Lewis, mayor of San Francisco, relates that both the state and city have sales taxes. Churches must pay on purchases made, but are not asked to collect taxes on church affairs. Neither state nor city have admissions taxes.

The city levies real estate taxes on assessed value of the manse only, but no tax on buildings or property used for worship. No tax is laid on parish houses, even when outside groups use the facilities.

"Accounts of vendors are audited by state and city for collection and payment of sales tax, and deficiencies collected by agencies set up for that purpose. Non-payment of real property taxes for five (5) successive years results in property being sold for taxes."

Denver, Colorado

Denver has a sales tax churches must pay on purchases and on sales made at church affairs. There is no admissions tax. The city has a 1% tax, the state a 2% sales tax.

Churches are taxed *ad valorem* for "local improvements and other specials on all church property. All general taxes on parsonages, valuation of which exceeds $3000 exemption." There is no special tax on parish houses used by outside groups. Offenders have "property sold for non-payment of taxes."

The District of Columbia

The District of Columbia, according to E. A. Dent of the Assessor's Office, has a 2% sales tax which a church need not pay if it has an exemption certificate granted on request. Churches need not collect the sales tax at their affairs. There is no admissions tax. Church property is *ad valorem* taxed "if the property or any portion thereof is used to secure a rent or income, or if it is not actually used for church purposes." This also applies to parish houses used by outside groups. The tax laws are enforced but how is not indicated.

St. Louis, Missouri

Charles J. Dolan of St. Louis' law department says there is a 2% sales tax which churches neither pay nor collect at affairs. There is a 5% admissions tax which churches do not collect. *Ad valorem* taxes are levied on "vacant land and any other property not used for religious worship," including parish houses used by outside groups. Tax laws are enforced. "They are neither apprehended nor punished but are liable to be sued for delinquent taxes."

New Orleans, Louisiana

Mayor deLesseps S. Morrison of New Orleans reports a 2% sales tax and a 2% admission tax. Churches must pay sales tax on purchases but not collect it on bazaars or suppers. They must collect admissions tax though, unless admission is by genuine donation. There are no *ad valorem* taxes on church property, even if used by outside groups. Tax laws are enforced, though how is not revealed.

Chicago, Illinois

J. H. Dillard, city comptroller, says Chicago has no sales tax, though Illinois has a 2% tax which churches must pay and collect at church affairs. There is a 3% city admissions tax which churches must collect on admissions. Church property is not taxed, though parish houses used by outside groups for a fee are subject to *ad valorem* taxation. Tax laws are enforced by court fines.

New York, New York

According to Morris W. Weiner, special deputy comptroller for New York's bureau of excise taxes, "the city of New York has a 3% sales tax." Churches are exempt from the tax on purchases made in the city. Letters of exemption are given churches as evidence of sales tax exemption. Copies of such letters must be given vendors when exemption is claimed. Churches are not required to collect the tax at

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church affairs. There is no admissions tax.

Information concerning *ad valorem* taxes comes from the city tax department. Church property is taxed "if not used for educational, charitable, or religious purposes exclusively." The tax department has "no discretion" being subject to Article IV, Sub. 6, of the state tax law. See earlier part of this article the experiences of the Village Presbyterian Church.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Frank G. Truscott, city solicitor for Philadelphia, gave us one of the most complete answers of any person we approached. We quote his answers virtually verbatim, even though extensive, for not only do they answer our questions, but give considerable light into legal reasons (with court rulings cited) for the application of given laws:

1. *Does your municipality have a sales tax?*

"No—but our local school board which is a separate entity from the municipality and regarded as an independent political subdivision of the commonwealth, has what is commonly known as a 'General Business Tax' the yield therefrom inuring entirely to it for school purposes; the same being a tax of one mill on the gross receipts of businesses of all kinds, exempting however, non-profit businesses organized for religious, charitable, or educational purposes. The city of Philadelphia itself has a wage and income tax which imposes a tax of 1¼% on the net profits of businesses and professions — wages; salaries; compensation; net profits from businesses; etc., realized in Philadelphia by residents as well as non-residents and by Philadelphians employed outside the city—see Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision in Dennis Cardinal Dougherty v. Phila., 314 Pa. 298 and Reverend Francis J. Ross v. Phila., 149 Pa. Superior Ct. 33, which distinguish taxable from non-taxable church property and earnings or net profits from other than gainful businesses or professions." (These volumes are undoubtedly available in your local Bar Association's Law Library.)

2. *Must churches pay sales tax,* etc., through 4. *Must churches levy and collect,* etc.

"See answer to first question, above."

5. *Does your municipality have an admission tax, similar to the Federal admissions tax?*

"Yes — See Amusement Tax Ordinance. (Copies obtainable.) In Philadelphia v. Barber 160 Pa. 123, 28 Atlantic 644, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court said: "Part of the building is used solely by the church, and part is rented out for school purposes. The rooms being all under the same roof makes no difference in principle. The parts rented and producing income are liable to taxation. It would appear that where the producers charge a general admission they are required to pay a license fee and add to their basic admission charges a proportionate amusement tax as prescribed by the Amusement Tax ordinance (collecting at the source)—where the yield may be regarded as resulting from the conduct of a regular business for profit,—de-

spite the fact that a fee is paid the church for the use of the auditorium or hall. In that case the ticket purchasers would pay the tax on each admission to the performance conducted by dramatic organizations because in renting the church property as the side of the production,—the producer is in the same category as those renting a theatre or any auditorium not part of any church or charitable institution: see also Home Missions v. Philadelphia 266 Pa. 405, 109 Atlantic 664."

6. *Are churches required to pay an admission tax for events which have a set fee?*

"Not when the proceeds are strictly and entirely for the benefit of the church,—as said in Dougherty v. Phila., supra. 'When the various organizations give entertainments where they pay no rental but they sometimes charge admission and turn over the proceeds to the parish . . . reducing general expenses,' or 'for other benevolent or charitable, but noncommercial purposes, exemption would be entitled to consideration . . .'; see also United Presbyterian Women's Ass'n. v. Butler, 110 Pa. Superior Ct. 116, 167 Atlantic 389."

6a. *What percentage do you charge on sales?* See above.

6b. *What percentage do you charge on admissions?*

"See above; the latest amendment of our Amusement Tax ordinance and regulations enclosed herewith. (In the dissenting opinion in the Ross case, above cited, it was said by the court: '. . . Money given for the performance of professional services of value, no matter how made or what it may be called, cannot reasonably be construed as a tax exempt gift; such payment is earned and not a gratuity. . . . If the income results from contributions for services it is earned income within the meaning of the ordinance (Wage and Income Tax Ordinance of December 9, 1939, as amended, copy of which is likewise enclosed); . . . if no services have been rendered the contribution may be a mere gift or gratuity, and not taxable.' "

7. *Do you tax church property for any purposes whatsoever?*

"Yes, for certain municipal street improvements made within the bed of the street or streets upon which the church property abuts; for water and sewer rent at, however, a special reduced rate; and for real estate taxes as assessed by our Board of Revision of Taxes on the portions of the church property not utilized for actual religious or church purposes or which is used for some kind of profit producing business or function; or as a rectory disassociated from the church building: see Dougherty v. Phila., supra. Of interest will be the following excerpt from Article IX, Section 1, of our Constitution which provides that '. . . the General Assembly may, by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes, actual places of religious worship, places of burial not used or held for private or corporate profit, institutions of purely public charity,' and the related portion of the Act of March 17, 1925, P. L. 39 which provides: 'That all churches . . . with the ground annexed necessary for the occupancy and enjoyment of the same, all burial grounds not used or held for private or corporate profit, all hospitals, universities, colleges, seminaries, academies, associations, and institutions of learning, benevolence, or charity, with the grounds thereto annexed and necessary for the occupancy and enjoyment of same, founded, endowed, and maintained by the public or private charity: Provided, that the entire revenue derived by the same be applied to the support of and to increase the efficiency and facilities thereof, the repair and the necessary increase of grounds and buildings thereof, and for no other purpose.' "

8. *If a church allows the use of parish house or other church property for limited use by dramatic, cultural, or other organizations producing regular plays, programs, etc., the church receiving a fee for the use of its property, is the church subject to taxation?*

See above, and as said in Phila. vs. Barber 169 P. L. 123: "The parts rented, and producing income are liable to taxation."

9. *Does your municipality persist in enforcing these tax laws?*

Yes, for "as was said in City of Philadelphia v. Schaller, 148 Pa. Superior Court, 276, 281; 25 At. 2nd 406, 409; From the plain meaning of its language (Sterling Act—a Pennsylvania Statute of 1932 which authorized municipalities to pass certain revenue producing ordinances)—it is clear that nondiscriminatory taxes were contemplated. No less can be said of the present ordinance" (our Philadelphia Wage and Income Tax Ordinance).

9a. *How are offenders apprehended and punished?*

If for failure to pay real estate taxes on their taxable holdings, by filing a lien against the property and if unpaid or satisfied, in due course submitted to sheriff's sale in the same manner as any other tax delinquent property of a private ownership is treated; for failure to pay wage, income or net profits taxes as amended, as indicated in Section 9 page 47 of our "Income Tax Regulations" enclosed herewith; and, for failure to pay amusement taxes, as prescribed in Section 13, page 19, of the enclosed pamphlet on our Amusement Tax Ordinance and Regulations.

Seattle, Washington

W. C. Thomas, Seattle city comptroller, indicates that there is a state 3% sales tax which churches must pay on purchases but need not collect on church affairs. There is a municipal admissions tax of one cent on every twenty cents admission (5%) which churches are required to collect at events having a set fee.

Ad valorem taxes are not levied against church property, though he indicates certain qualifications, as follows: "If the income therefrom is used for religious purposes, exempt; if used for commercial purposes, exemption does not apply."

Interestingly enough, he indicates by a check mark that the municipality does not persist in enforcing these tax laws—presumably against churches!

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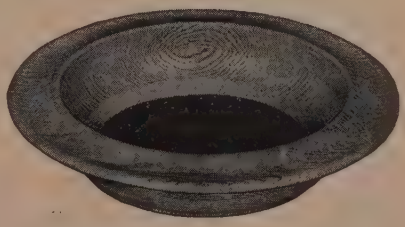

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PEOPLE: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and Forever More.

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MINISTER: This Communion Table, whereon is set from time to time the Elements of Bread and Wine, which our Lord has directed us to receive in remembrance of Him,

PEOPLE: We dedicate to this Holy use.

MINISTER: These pews which have been placed here for our use in the regular worship of God on every Lord's Day,

PEOPLE: We dedicate to the Glory of God.

MINISTER: And especially these pews which are inscribed as memorials to Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Brooks, John W. Deming, Jewell R. Jarvis, Dr. and Mrs. A. A McKittrick and Annie Lenora Wiggins.

PEOPLE: We set apart as Permanent Memorials.

MINISTER: And now, we the people of this Church and congregation, being so compassed about by a great cloud of witnesses,

PEOPLE: We do dedicate ourselves anew to the worship of God in this place, and the establishment of His Kingdom among men.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, without whom no word or work of ours availeth, but who dost accept the gifts of our hands for the beautifying of Thy sanctuary: Bestow Thy blessing upon us now as we dedicate these gifts to Thy glory, for the use and adornment of this holy place, and in memory of Thy servants. Accept them all we pray, as we set them apart from common and unhallowed uses, ever to be devoted to the service of Thy Church and the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

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MINISTER: For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world,

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*As used in the First Presbyterian Church, Beaufort, South Carolina. Wilmesherr, minister.

Tax Laws You Should Know

(From Page 69)

Those states not mentioned above or on our statistical summary failed to return our questionnaire, and so are not listed. Churchmen in those states are just as liable to the laws of their states and so are urged to get in touch with the proper authorities to see the extent of tax liability, if any, to which they are subject.

Conclusions

This study, requiring months of analysis, leads me to certain conclusions. You may not agree with all my deductions, and you may be able to add many of your own.

First of all, there is a need for a legal definition, if at all possible, of what constitutes "churchly functions." Such a definition may not be acceptable to all groups, of course. But it should be practicable and give church leaders something definite to go on.

This will probably have to be a state-by-state definition. But at least, within a state, it should be clear what is meant by the unique functions of the church. Are we being a church when we make our facilities available to a Masonic or to a DeMolay group?

Secondly, tax laws throughout the country are not uniform. Each state's religious leaders should study the laws and keep the churches informed. If there is no active state association competent to do this, local churches should seek reliable legal counsel.

Thirdly, some communities seem to hush up the tax situation, then clamping down on violators when they "get out on a limb." The Village Church, mentioned earlier, had no idea what was forthcoming. Yet anonymous complaints led to considerable grief.

Akin to this is the matter of irregular enforcement of many other laws, such as anti-gambling laws, when they apply to churches and "charitable" institutions. Many district attorneys refuse to prosecute cases of gambling in churches unless a specific complaint is signed. This does not create much respect for law!

Fourthly, at least on a Federal Admissions Tax level, many churches are notorious as "tax dodgers." Any church which doesn't collect and pay the admissions tax, is guilty of fraud against the government.

Fifthly, the churches should set an example of tax honesty, even to the point of paying taxes of questionable justice. We cannot correct evils in our system by adding further evils. Most bad laws—if they are bad—get through because of the indifference of the electorate.

To implement this, churches should publicize tax situations to their members so that they may either work for tax reforms or realize that their churches, too, have to pay taxes. After all, taxes are the way the government raises funds to pay its way. We have to "pay the piper" some time. Building up a huge bonded indebtedness only makes our children and grandchildren pay for the high cost of our own government.

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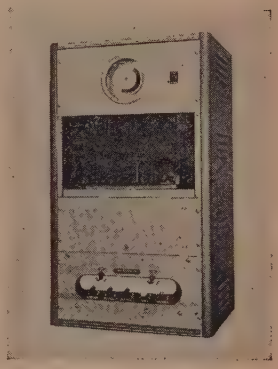

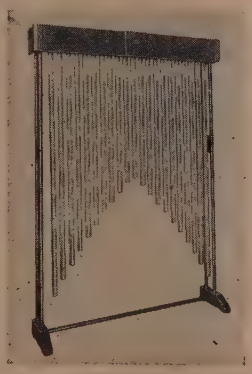

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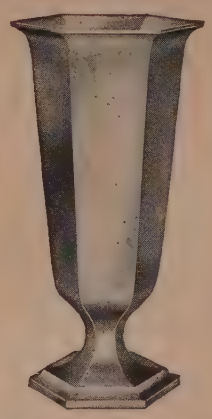

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Sixthly, the ideal method of church support is still the scriptural principle of "tithes and offerings." Even the government recognizes this in allowing up to 15% deductions (on the "long form") for giving in the income tax. Can it be that the churches have lost much of their spiritual power by "conformity to the world" in regard to its fund-raising methods?

I have for a long time felt that every church should be supported solely by free-will contributions, that even when outside groups use the facilities, this be left on a free-will basis! I admit not much success with church boards in this matter—but I still feel, and my feeling is intensified by this study, that the principle is basically sound.

By and large the uniquely spiritual work of the church is rarely, if ever, taxed. The few cities or states which do levy specific taxes usually do so for special services such as water, sewage disposal, or such purposes which constitute real services to the church property. Actually, there are few recorded taxes against the church which ministers a distinctively spiritual program on a free-will offering basis, in the traditional, generally accepted manner.

State or Municipality	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Alabama	Y	Y	N	Y	N	C	2%	2%C	C	Y	Y
Arizona	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	---	---	C	N	--
Arkansas	Y	Y	N	N	N	C	2%	2%	C	N	Y
California	Y	Y	N	Y	N	--	3%	---	Y	N	Y
Colorado	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	2%	---	N	C	Y
Connecticut	Y	N	Y	Y	N	--	2%	---	N	N	--
Delaware	N	N	N	N	N	N	---	---	N	N	N
Florida	Y	N	Y	C	Y	C	3%	3%	N	--	Y
Georgia (no answer)											
Idaho	N	N	N	N	N	N	---	---	N	N	N
Illinois (no answer)											
Indiana	C	Y	N	N	N	N	1¼%	---	Y	N	Y
Iowa	Y	Y	C	C	Y	C	2%	2%	C	C	--
Kentucky	C	--	--	--	Y	C	--	C	C	--	--
Louisiana	Y	Y	N	C	Y	Y	2%	2%	N	N	Y
Maine	N	N	N	N	N	N	---	---	Y	Y	--
Maryland	Y	N	Y	C	Y	N	C	.05%	N	C	Y
Michigan	Y	N	N	C	N	N	3%	---	Y	N	Y
Minnesota	N	N	N	N	N	N	---	---	Y	C	Y
Mississippi	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	C	C	Y	Y	Y
Missouri	Y	N	Y	C	Y	C	2%	2%	N	C	Y
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Nebraska	N	N	N	N	N	N	---	---	Y	N	N
Nevada	C	N	N	N	N	N	---	---	--	--	--
New Hampshire	N	N	N	N	N	N	---	---	C	N	Y
New Jersey	N	N	N	N	N	N	---	---	C	Y	Y
New Mexico	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	2%	C	N	N	C
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North Carolina	Y	N	N	N	N	N	---	---	--	N	N
Ohio	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	3%C	---	Y	--	Y
Oklahoma	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	2%	2%	C	N	Y
Oregon	N	N	N	--	N	--	---	---	Y	N	Y
Pennsylvania	N	N	N	N	N	N	---	---	N	N	N
Rhode Island	Y	N	N	N	N	N	---	---	C	C	Y
South Dakota	Y	Y	N	C	N	Y	3%	3%	Y	N	Y
Tennessee	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	2%	---	C	C	Y
Texas	C	Y	N	--	Y	N	C	---	N	N	--
Utah	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	2%	2%	Y	Y	Y
Vermont	N	N	N	N	N	N	---	---	--	--	--
Virginia	N	N	N	N	N	N	---	---	C	--	--
Washington	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	3%	---	Y	N	Y
West Virginia	Y	C	N	C	Y	C	C	C	N	C	Y
Wisconsin	N	N	N	N	N	N	---	---	N	N	N
Wyoming	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2%	2%	Y	Y	Y
San Francisco, Calif.	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	---	---	Y	N	Y
Denver, Colo.	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	1%	---	Y	N	Y
District of Columbia	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	2%	---	Y	Y	Y
Chicago, Ill.	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	2%*	3%	N	Y	Y
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New Orleans, La.	Y	Y	N	N	Y	C	2%	2%	N	N	Y
St. Louis, Mo.	Y	N	--	N	Y	N	2%	5%	Y	Y	Y
New York, N. Y.	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	3%C	---	C	C	Y
Philadelphia, Pa.	C	C	C	C	C	C	---	---	Y	Y	Y
Seattle, Wash.	Y*	Y*	N*	Y*	Y	Y	3%*	5%	N	C	N
**Refers to State Tax, effective in the City of Seattle, not City Tax.*											

Statistical Summary

Here is the statistical summary of our findings. Questions are answered "Yes" (Y), "No" (N), "Conditional" (C), or a tax percentage is given. When the answer is "Conditional," consult the interpretive portion, just concluded, for a more complete answer. Questions are numbered, 1 through 11, as asked in our questionnaire:

1. Sales tax?
2. Churches pay sales tax?
3. Churches excused by certificate?
4. Churches collect tax?
5. Admissions tax?
6. Churches collect admissions tax?
7. Percentage sales tax?
8. Percentage admissions tax?
9. Church *ad valorem* tax?
10. Church *ad valorem* tax when used extra?
11. Tax laws enforced?

Liturgical and Executive Calendar

July 1951 — June 1952

THE historic church year starts with Advent. The denominational year varies according to the denomination. The calendar year starts January first. We believe that the minister's executive year starts about July first. The active program of the American church runs from fall through the spring. The summer months offer an opportunity for rest, recreation and planning for the year in advance. So our yearbook is arranged around this idea.

This guide combines several calendars. First are the dates of the calendar for the current years. Then the days of the historic church calendars are given. Next we have inserted the special seasons according to a worship calendar prepared by the Committee on Worship of the National Council of Churches. Then, we have listed special days which churches are accustomed to observe.

In dividing into seasons we have accepted the divisions of the National Council's committee. To these we have added one which we think is very essential. The weeks of July and through August 19 have definitely been designated as a season of re-creation and refreshment.

SEASON OF RE-CREATION AND REFRESHMENT

The wise minister will not try to keep too many activities in this period. Keep the church open, of course. Have respectable services which have been well planned. Keep a nucleus of the church school. But avoid any evidence of high pressure methods.

It is a splendid season for vacation Bible schools, picnics, reunions, etc.

The minister needs, and should take a vacation. But he has the responsibility for arranging suitable pulpit supplies. It is his obligation to see that arrangements were made for entertainment and prompt payment of the guest preachers. He should have the worship committee instructed and the ushers informed of their duties during the summer weeks.

Even if small congregations are expected the services should be orderly, the church clean, the air fresh.

July

1 Sixth Sunday after Trinity
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Independence Sunday
(Church vacations are taken by many as axiomatic. That need not be. Many churches have found that they can have good congregations during the warm months. Summer slumps are primarily psychological. Some aggressive ministers plan to take their vacations at other seasons to give attention to the summer work.)

8 Seventh Sunday after Trinity
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
(The first requisite for good summer services is a well planned program. If the minister will assume that satisfactory services may be held the battle is half won. To leave a field without making adequate plans for the warm months invites small congregations.)

15 Eighth Sunday after Trinity
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
(The warm months offer many possibilities for pastoral contacts. Group picnics, youth conferences, camping trips, hikes and other outdoor festivities give the minister a friendly contact with members of his congregation.)

22 Ninth Sunday after Trinity
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
(For good summer services every effort should be made to have the house of worship clean and comfortable. If the custodian takes a vacation make sure of a substitute. More people have been driven away from church services by dusty pews than by dusty preaching.)

29 Tenth Sunday after Trinity
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
(If your church is equipped with a cooling and air conditioning system, fine. If not, you still have windows and doors. Open doors and windows during the night will cool the building for the morning worship. You may not have all of the resources of some churches but you can, at least use the facilities you do have.)

August

5 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
(August is the month of guest preachers. The vacationing minister should not use the vacation period just as an escape. Plan for the Sundays you will be away. Make sure that your guest preachers are worthy, then help build for their success. Tell the congregation a little about each man. Help establish a personal contact.)

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12 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(It would be an act of courtesy to plan for the guests' entertainment. Ask him if he wishes you to reserve a room in a local hotel. Reservations are rather necessary in these days. If the cost of entertainment is included in his compensation make it clear to the hotel clerk so the guest will be under no embarrassment. Plan to have the treasurer or a substitute hand him his check before he leaves the church.)

19 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Old Home Church Sunday
(There will be guests in the summer services. Christian people make a practice of visiting churches as they drive through the country. There are many who would make it a point to travel back to the old home town for the services of Old Home Church Sunday if they should receive an invitation. Perhaps a former minister could be the guest preacher for that day.)

KINGDOMTIDE

"Kingdomtide" is a term created by the Committee on Worship of the National Council of Churches to denote a period of renewed activity. It starts with the last Sunday in August given the title of "Festival of Christ the King" and continues to Advent. Not many of our readers are going to be back on the job for this Sunday, but it offers a stimulus.

August

26 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
First Sunday in Kingdomtide
Festival of Christ the King
(The first Sunday of Kingdomtide is, for many churches, the last summer vacation Sunday.)

September

2 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
Second Sunday in Kingdomtide
Labor Sunday (Day before Labor Day)
(Socially conscious ministers like to be back in their pulpits for this Sunday. It offers a splendid opportunity to stress the Christian point of view in a complex industrial world.)

9 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Third Sunday in Kingdomtide
(Congregations probably begin to show improvement. It is a good time for the treasurer to get out his statements on past due accounts. The minister is checking his young people to see which are preparing to leave for college. This is an important pastoral task.)

16 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
Fourth Sunday in Kingdomtide
(Planning conferences really should be held in the late spring. If you failed to have one then be sure that it is dated for September. The conclusions of your vacation plans for the new year may be brought before the official board.)

23 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Fifth Sunday in Kingdomtide
(Your church school leaders have probably arranged to make the most of Rally and Education Week. It starts next Sunday.)

30 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
Sixth Sunday in Kingdomtide
Rally Day
First day of Christian Education Week
(Themes for Christian Education Week: Sunday, "Religion the Foundation of Freedom"; Monday, Leaders Day, "Responsibilities of the Free"; Tuesday, Family Day, "The Family Teaches"; Wednesday, Local Church Day, "The Church Teaches"; Thursday, Community Day, "The Community Teaches"; Friday, Youth Day, "Youth—Answer the Call of Christ"; Saturday, Personal Meditation Day, "Be Still and Know.")

October

7 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
Seventh Sunday in Kingdomtide
World Communion Sunday
(This day has become the rallying day for the congregation. It not alone stresses fellowship in the local church but emphasizes the ecumenical spirit so strong in our present day world.)

14 Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity
Eighth Sunday in Kingdomtide
(If you do not have a fall financial campaign plan a visitation Sunday for the month of October. Make your prospect list broad. Changes in the community have occurred since spring. New families will be found for your church membership. Delinquents will be encouraged to return to the home church.)

21 Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity
Ninth Sunday in Kingdomtide
(Do you have good adult classes in your church school? The present day emphasis on discussion groups will help you organize and conduct such classes. If the program is broad and the discussions are conducted in a democratic way you will meet a fine response.)

28 Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity
Tenth Sunday in Kingdomtide
World Temperance Sunday
Reformation Sunday
(Here is your opportunity to tell of the glorious heritage of Protestantism.)

November

4 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity
Eleventh Sunday in Kingdomtide
(When the world talks of war, let the church talk of peace. When the world excites to hatred, let the church speak of brotherhood. While the world clamors for divisions, let the church pray for unity.)

11 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity
Third Sunday before Advent
Twelfth Sunday in Kingdomtide
Armistice Day
(Peace and war is a vital subject this year. One test of our own lives is to accept the attitude of Jesus who said: "Blessed are the peacemakers." There are millions in our world who would like to see leadership for an era of peace. This—no one can deny—lies in the area of Christian interest.)

18 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity
Second Sunday before Advent
Thirteenth Sunday in Kingdomtide
Thanksgiving Sunday
Men and Missions Sunday

22 Thanksgiving Day

25 Sunday before Advent
Fourteenth Sunday in Kingdomtide
(Kingdomtide ends and the churches enter the season of Advent.)

ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE

Advent is the period of expectancy. Christmastide the time of fulfillment. This is a great time for preaching. The hopes and fears of all the years lie in these weeks.

December

2 First Sunday in Advent
(Christmas of festivities are coming with a rush. The sermons should attempt to create the spirit of anticipation for the coming of the Saviour. All groups in the church will be interested in programs looking to the proper observance. Music becomes very, very important.)

9 Second Sunday in Advent
Universal Bible Sunday
(It is well that we are asked to recognize the Christian Scriptures during the advent season. Here is a splendid time to preach on "The Signs of His Coming," drawing illustrations from the prophecies, the longings of the people and social conditions of the world.)

16 Third Sunday in Advent
(The aspirations of the shepherds on the Judean hills could hardly surpass the desires of the anxious world of today.)

23 Fourth Sunday in Advent
Christmas Sunday
(The world has grown old with its burden of care,

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—Phillips Brooks.)

25 Christmas Day

30 First Sunday after Christmas
Week of Prayer Begins
(The old year ends. Would it not be well to have a watch night service? Festivities, fellowship and prayer for the new year to dawn. This should be a "natural" in the Week of Prayer.)

EPIPHANY

"The light is come." Epiphany is a season of manifestation—revelation. In the local church it may well be a period of expansion, special meeting, evangelistic effort and similar activities.

January, 1952

6 Epiphany
(As Epiphany comes on Sunday it offers ministers in the non-liturgical churches to explain the day to the congregation. Christ has come to the world and here is a special season to emphasize that realization. This is the ideal time of the year for special evangelistic services.)

13 First Sunday after Epiphany
(There is need for evangelism today—it should bring in some new techniques which can use the eternal spirit of devotion. The minister has learned to use the Lenten weeks for preaching on the needs of individuals. These are good weeks for preaching on the great doctrines of the Christian faith.)

20 Second Sunday after Epiphany
(Evangelism for our day cannot consist only of preaching. It must include pastoral counseling. There is need to develop a method of constructive preaching to be supplemented with counseling periods. After all salvation is an individual matter. It is hard to save souls in droves. Spiritual experience refuses to be regimented.)

27 Third Sunday after Epiphany
(Many churches hold their annual meetings in January. Whether now or any other month, make the most of it. An article in this issue gives some splendid ideas.)

February

3 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Boy Scout Week Begins
(Looking ahead we find that Ash Wednesday comes on February 27. Not much time to plan for this great devotional season of the year.)

10 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Septuagesima Sunday
Race Relations Day
(Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima Sundays sound strange to ears of some of us non-liturgical readers. Septuagesima is best explained as originally selected for the traditional beginning of the year, which in Rome came in March; then farmers began to prepare their vineyards and (Sexagesima) their fields. The eventual extension of Lent pushed the days back into late winter. (From the *Eternal World and the Modern World*, Easton & Robbins. Charles Scribner's Sons.)

17 Sexagesima Sunday
Day of Prayer for Students
(It is well for all Christian students to realize that any fixture of special days is more or less artificial. The period of Lent which we observe is an evolution and in earlier centuries was a much shorter time. Here lies the authority for adding new, special days as desirable.)

24 Quinquagesima Sunday
Brotherhood (Inter-faith Day)
(More and more we appreciate that

there is a common denominator in all theistic religions. This is one day in the year when we can honor those of other faiths and point out their virtues and their heritages.)

LENT

Lent has not always been observed for as long a length of time as at present. The weeks from Ash Wednesday to Easter are now pretty generally observed by all churches. There are some exceptions, of course. Eastern churches follow a different calendar. But the majority of Christian churches observe Lent to a lesser or greater degree.

27 Ash Wednesday

March

2 First Sunday in Lent
(The season of Lent is one which may well be devoted to strengthening the spiritual lift of individuals through preaching, class instruction and counselling. Many churches plan membership classes for this season. There is a new movement which insists that the post Easter season, ending at Pentecost, is a better time for this program.)

9 Second Sunday in Lent
(Continuing the argument from the Sunday above. Under our current program Lent has become a very crowded season. The weeks after Easter, on the other hand, may be thin. Why not divide the energy among the two seasons and conserve the strength of the minister and the resources of the church.)

16 Third Sunday in Lent
(Under this plan the Sunday services, the mid-week services and, perhaps, noonday services would emphasize the personal devotional life The same quality should be emphasized in the church school. But save the organization of confirmation and catechetical classes for the post Easter season. Formulate a program for the weeks from Easter to Pentecost and have it ready for announcing on Easter Sunday.)

23 Fourth Sunday in Lent
(Lent should be the great thrill of the year's ministry. During this period the minister is assured of a fairly stable congregation. He can immerse himself in serious preparation for serious sermons. Every minister with a homiletic mind likes to prepare sermons "in series." These weeks give the opportunity.)

30 Fifth Sunday in Lent
Passion Sunday
(The march to the cross has really begun. The minister will seek to lead his own membership through the experiences of Christ—triumph, tragedy, death and resurrection. It is a great privilege.)

April

6 Palm Sunday
("It was in the sixth century that the procession of palms was introduced into the West, as a frank imitation of the Jerusalem precedent. A form of blessing the branches—still today—unknown in the East appears a century later in a Gallican sacramentary (Bibbio) while the present Roman office attained practically its completed state in the ninth century." Easton & Robbins.)

11 Good Friday

EASTERTIDE

Eastertide starts with Easter Day and continues up to Whitsunday. This day is also known as Pentecost. The period from Easter to Whitsunday is a good one to use for instructions in the history of the early church and responsibilities of church membership. Every church has a full congregation for Easter services.

April

13 Easter Day
(Easter is one of the two great days in the church year. The wise minister has been thinking beyond Easter, however. He will have some definite plans to announce for the weeks ahead. These may well include sermon topics for the weeks to Pentecost, some basic program for integrating the new adult members into the church circles and the instruction or confirmation classes for youth.)

20 First Sunday after Easter
Young People's Day
(Many ministers have found these weeks excellent for instruction on the first years of Christian history. A definite reading program on the Book of Acts may be assigned to members of the congregation. Sermons from the epistles which integrate themselves into this reading program are timely. This program also lends itself admirably to pledged attendance.)

27 Second Sunday after Easter
(Pledged attendance is a method frequently used to build up congregations during otherwise slack seasons. Its basic plan is to provide a definite program for a period of weeks. Then pledges are asked from members of the congregation for attendance during that period.)

May

4 Third Sunday after Easter
(The diligent pastor has been able to sustain his Lenten congregations

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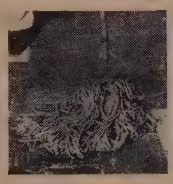

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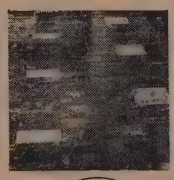

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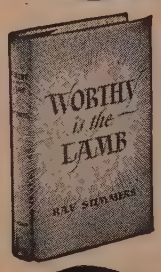

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against spiritual wickedness in high places.

CONGREGATION: Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

MINISTER: Let us pray. In honor of those men who have already been called into the service of their country and whose names are so recorded,

CONGREGATION: WE DEDICATE THIS HONOR ROLL, O LORD.

MINISTER: In honor of other men and women who in the future will be called into the armed forces of this nation,

CONGREGATION: WE DEDICATE THIS HONOR ROLL, O LORD.

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MINISTER: With sincere prayer that thy Holy Spirit may ever attend these men and women in their several duties,

CONGREGATION: WE DEDICATE THIS HONOR ROLL, O LORD.

MINISTER: With renewed hope that soon thy kingdom shall come and thy will may be done on earth as it is in heaven,

CONGREGATION: WE DEDICATE THIS HONOR ROLL, O LORD.

IN UNISON: MAY THE ZEAL OF THE LORD OF HOSTS PERFORM THIS. Amen.

(Mounting of HONOR ROLL on wall.)

Prayer of Dedication

The Dedication of a Service Flag*

ALL: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PASTOR: To the glory of God and our spiritual enrichment.

CONGREGATION: To Thee, we dedicate this flag.

PASTOR: That all who enter this house may be reminded of the atoning life and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this flag.

PASTOR: That all who worship here may be reminded of the religious freedom and tolerance for which our country long has stood, and the price at which our liberty was purchased.

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this flag.

PASTOR: As a silent reminder of the sacrificial service of those who have answered their country's call.

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this flag.

PASTOR: As a perpetual challenge to each one who bows in prayer within these walls, to remember before the throne of grace those whose absence from our midst is symbolized by its stars.

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PASTOR: As an evidence of our faith in the final triumph of righteousness and justice, and a pledge to use our utmost endeavor to build a world of peace and brotherhood.

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this flag.

PASTOR: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, so let thy Divine guardianship continue over us—

CONGREGATION: From now into the days Thou hast set before us. Amen.

PRAYER: The Pastor.

*The name of the arranger of this service has become detached from the service itself. We will be glad to give credit if he will write us.

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MINISTER: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

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MINISTER: In loving memory of those who from this church laid down their lives to the call of duty;

PEOPLE: We dedicate the chimes and the plaque.

MINISTER: Conscious that the good have not died in vain;

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Albert Schweitzer

The Mystery of the Kingdom of God by Albert Schweitzer. The Macmillan Company. 174 pages. $3.00.

Paul and His Interpreters by Albert Schweitzer. The Macmillan Company. 252 pages. $3.50.

The Theology of Albert Schweitzer by E. N. Mozley with an epilogue by Albert Schweitzer. The Macmillan Company. 117 pages. $2.00.

The comparatively recent American visit of Albert Schweitzer was sufficient occasion to prompt the printing of many books about him and the reprinting of many of his own. By no means the least of his works are *The Mystery of the Kingdom of God* and *Paul and His Interpreters* which, taken together with *The Quest of the Historical Jesus* as a preface and *The Mysticism of Paul the Apostle* as a conclusion, are usually considered as Schweitzer's greatest religious books. In this series he sets out his interpretation of the tremendous influence of the eschatalogical hope in the mind of Jesus and also in the early church.

The timeliness of the reappearance of Schweitzer's *Mystery of the Kingdom of God* may well be seen in the third chapter which he opens with his conception of repentance. In these days of some resolution of the conflict between liberals and neo-orthodox parties it is almost miraculous to find his analysis of the much discussed repentance. He stands with neither extreme to hold repentance as a normal or natural process in the ever upward climb toward truly Christian character nor as a necessary but inevitable end to man's utter helplessness in this life. Schweitzer describes repentance (p. 53) as "not merely a recovery which stands in retrospective relation with a sinful condition in the past, but also—and this is its predominant character—it is a moral renewal in prospect of the accomplishment of universal perfection in the future."

Although *Paul and His Interpreters* appeared in German and English editions as early as 1912 this is its first appearance from an American press. Here he follows a pattern similar to the treatment of critical studies of the historicity of Jesus best described in the original German title *Von Reimarus zu Wrede.* In his attempt to show the various opinions, including his own, about the problem of the strikingly different teachings of Jesus and of Paul to say nothing of the still different ideas in the early Latin churches Schweitzer proceeds slowly but in great detail with his analysis of the critical opinions of scholars of the last century. In fact this book might well be called *Von Baur zu Schweitzer.*

For those who are not interested in following Schweitzer's detailed analyses of these critical Biblical and historical problems E. N. Mozley has brought together a remarkably clear synthesis of the four works described above by arranging paragraph after paragraph (each clearly identified by code) in a continuous account of about seventy-five pages under about twenty-five heads. Of inestimable value is the epilogue of thirty pages in which Schweitzer adds his current opinions and which appear in print here for the first time. One senses here a new note in his previously exclusive emphasis on the eschatalogical hope. He insists on the recognition of "the inescapable abandonment of the early hope of the speedy coming of the kingdom of God" which he did not adequately take into consideration in his earlier studies of the early church. Even though it leads him to state that "belief in the kingdom of God makes the biggest demands of all the articles of the Christian faith" and "it means believing the seemingly impossible—" the great German theologian concludes "our only hope is that the spirit of God will strive with the spirit of the world and will prevail." Here is a message of hope indeed for a theologically confused church and a hopeless secular existentialism.

R. W. A.

The Redeemer

The Redeemer by William R. Cannon. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. $2.75.

William Ragsdale Cannon, on the evidence of his photograph and his biographical data printed on the dust jacket of his book, is a very young man with a brilliant scholastic record, a single year in the pastorate, and now a great chance as professor of church history and historical theology at Emory University. He wrote a recent book on *The Theology of John Wesley.* He dedicates this new one to his bishop and his bishop's wife, Arthur and Martha Moore. He starts with a daring promise. Since Emil Brunner wrote a master work on Jesus as "The Mediator," so this American will grapple with the person of Jesus as "The Redeemer," and will seek him not in his words but in his works. "What he does is the testimony as to who he is."

If he had followed his professed scheme consistently, Dr. Cannon might have been responsible for a really fresh and typically American approach to Christ, as seen in his deeds.

But soon the promised distinction breaks down. The Jesus of Dr. Cannon was of course a judge, a leader, a ruler of nature—as such he did things. But he was also a prophet, a teacher, a sacrifice—as such he said things. So the chapters on the things Jesus said are detected as weightier and lengthier than the chapters on the things he did, and all the originality of the planned and announced emphasis has been yielded for a book about Jesus, his deeds and his words, plus the deeds and words he inspired in others. The pages are loaded with quotations from his lips, and the footnotes are packed with comments other people throughout the ages have made.

So in spite of a strong preliminary claim to be as original as Brunner was, the book turns out to be ten good lectures on Jesus, not chronological, but departmental, studded with delightful incidental insights, but set in the ancient framework of traditional Christology. No bishop would be driven to disavow this book, no reader will be seriously disturbed. The faithful will be considerably encouraged and helped, for here is the strength of scholarship from the pen of a young theologian (he writes in longhand and with ink) at the service of all the deepest inherited concepts.

Dr. Cannon had one great sentence from John Wesley left over from his original study on the theology of that patriarch. When stern old General Oglethorpe told Wesley that he never forgave an injury, the great evangelist replied, "Well, sir, take care that you never inflict one." I must remember that as I review books hereafter. I might be tempted into writing another one.

B. C.

Preachers and Preaching

This Grace Wherein We Stand by George Johnstone Jeffrey. Charles Scribner's Sons. 96 pages. $2.00.

We have here the Warrack Lectures delivered at New College, Edinburgh, and St. Mary's College, St. Andrews, in the spring of 1948. If an inferior volume of Warrack Lectures has ever been published, this reviewer has not seen it. And it can be said with considerable confidence that the present series is worthy of a place among its distinguished predecessors. Although the title of the book is somewhat general and conventional, those of the lectures themselves are fresh, vivid, and stimulating. Each of them arouses intellectual curiosity and beckons onward.

The lecture on "Preaching Resources" is illustrative of British homiletical writing at its best. Like the other five, it is so well-outlined that there is no difficulty in finding the author's "heads." For example, the first of these is "the Bible," and the second that which is

found "in the hearts of those committed to our pastoral care," and the last "the preaching resources which lie deep in our own hearts." In this section we read the following: "Consecrate to your preaching your own loneliness, every original gift of personality you possess. Never be afraid to declare to others what God has done for your soul. It can be done wisely and humbly, without the least suspicion of egotism." And I would go on to add this: let God make use of your deficiencies and handicaps. . . . Lastly, let God use in your preaching your own wrestlings, and defeats, and sorrows.

The lecture on the immediate preaching of the sermon is entitled, "The Ordeal Itself." It is safe to say that few will read it without returning to it again and again. This does not mean everybody will agree with all that it contains. For instance in the first paragraph Dr. Jeffrey says: "I am weighing my words when I say that if there is one habit more than another that has been of value in the art of preaching it is that of early rising. I claim no credit for the practice, for I believe just as strongly in going early to bed." Minor matters of personal routine should not be stated as fundamental principles, although the experiences and customs of individuals are mostly interesting and often helpful. Dr. Jeffrey's strictures on the failure to use notes in the pulpit should be balanced by the reading of *Preaching Without Notes* by C. E. Macartney. But a book containing ideas will arouse some disagreement when read by people with ideas.

One of the merits of these lectures is the author's skill in utilizing quotations and references from great literature. *This Grace Wherein We Stand* is a book with an excellent background, both in reading and experience.

L. H. C.

The Royalty of the Pulpit by Edgar DeWitt Jones. Harper & Brothers. 447 pages. $5.00.

This is a book about the Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching given at Yale since 1872 and the distinguished preachers of England and America who delivered them.

The author, Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, is an honored and able preacher and writer. He has been a constant and consistent student of the Lyman Beecher Lectureship and has in his possession sixty-seven of the published volumes which he has read and re-read. He has also known, personally, nearly half of the lecturers and he has interviewed nearly all of those who are now living. I think it could be said in truth and sincerity that there is no man in America or in any other country who is better qualified to review and evaluate the great Yale Lectureship than Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones. The knowledge he possesses of the lectures and the lecturers and his ability to select apt quotations plus the gift of writing lucidly and charmingly, make this volume, *The Royalty of the Pulpit*, a book which will be read with pleasure and profit by every preacher who is in love with preaching whether he be a novice or a veteran.

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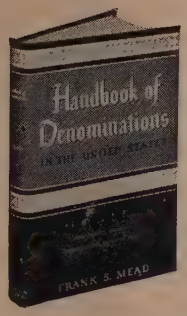

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Dr. Jones follows a rather simple but satisfying pattern in his review of the Yale Lectures and the men who gave them. First, he presents a pen-portrait of the lecturer, a comment or an estimate of his place as a preacher. Secondly, he outlines and evaluates the lectures. Thirdly, he quotes a paragraph or two from the lectures which he deemed representative. This he has done with such skill and artistry that once you take the book he has written in hand it is hard to lay it down until you have read through to the very last page.

Of value to all students of preaching is Appendix I which is "Who's Who in the Lyman Beecher Lectureship on Preaching." Appendix II lists chronologically the authors and the titles of the lectures given in what many of us believe to be the greatest series of lectures on the glorious but difficult art of preaching.

J. E. C.

Were You There? by Harold E. Wagner, Morehouse-Gorham Company. 110 pages. $1.75.

Sixteen brief addresses by the rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Detroit, Michigan. The title will be recognized as being taken from the well-known spiritual: "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" Each address is a study of a personality associated with the crucifixion. The material was originally given as two series of Good Friday meditations. One group deals with characters representing the Seven Capital Sins and the other with the corresponding Christian virtues. Some of the characters discussed are well-known figures like Peter, Judas, and John, while others are such comparatively obscure figures as Cleophas, Simon the Cyrene, and Dismas the thief.

The first study, that of Nicodemus, illustrates the author's method. Nicodemus is taken as an example of the first of the Seven Deadly Sins, Pride. The treatment of the theme is based on the assumption that it was pride that prevented this influential Pharisee from visiting the Master in the light of day. One of the brief paragraphs dealing with this theme reads as follows: "False pride has been labeled by the church as the queen of the sins, the chief of those vices against which every Christian needs to be constantly on guard. Holy Scripture says that 'pride is the beginning of sin' (Ecclesiastes 10:14) and it is this feeling of false pride which has done so much damage to the world."

These sermons are about eight hundred words long. They are fresh, readable, and stimulating. They will suggest to the alert-minded reader many more ideas than they contain. This will make them of value to the preacher who has preached so many Lenten sermons that he is in need of new approaches. A thought cannot be completely developed in an address of less than a thousand words; consequently studies of this kind will start different trains of ideas in different minds, each of which will expand the subject in its own way. The potential plagiarist will not think much of this book, but it will be of high value to the man who works ideas out for himself.

L. H. C.

Roads to Radiant Living by Charles L. Allen. Fleming H. Revell Company. 157 pages. $2.00.

The author of the fifty-three "heart-side talks" in this book is the pastor of the Grace Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. They were first published in the Atlanta Constitution-Journal. Being prepared for a newspaper clientele they are lower-shelf material. This, though, should not be counted against them, as they combine a human interest, a sprightly style, sound ethics, practical helpfulness, and spiritual insight.

Among the topics are "Handle Your Disappointments," "A Little Honey," "Paths to Prosperity," "How to Stop Something," "How to Start Something" and "Master Your Handicaps." A critical reader can find some passages in this book to which he will feel inclined to take exception. There are many sweeping statements to which objections could be made and, right or wrong, it is not hard to find an emphasis on

"getting on" which will grate on the sensibilities of some idealistic readers.

But when all this has been said, we must recognize that Dr. Allen has written an interesting and useful book. It is hard to imagine anybody beginning it without reading every word of it. And it is just as hard to think of anyone reading it without being helped by it. All of us need encouragement. As Dr. John Watson, better known as Ian Macalaren, author of the once famous book, *Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush,* said more than forty years ago, "Be pitiful; every man is having a hard fight." *Roads to Radiant Living* is a book with high possibilities of helping struggling, baffled, discouraged men and women. It can also be described in a noble Tennysonian phrase as "rich in saving common sense." In addition to its inspirational values, it has other possibilities of usefulness. Any writer or public speaker who has lost the human touch would do well to study Dr. Allen's attitude, philosophy of life and technique.

L. H. C.

Deep Is the Hunger. Meditations by Howard Thurman. Harper & Brothers. 210 pages. $2.50.

Dr. Thurman is minister of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco. Preceding his Sunday morning service of worship each week, the doors of the sanctuary are closed at a stated time and the worshippers sit in silent meditation upon directed themes. Latecomers are then permitted to enter and the worship continues.

This volume includes some of these brief meditations, plus a host of others, pungent, thoughtful, devotional. These latter meditations are a little longer and originally were printed in his weekly calendar. He gathers them together here under three themes: A Sense of History, A Sense of Self and a Sense of Presence.

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H. W. F.

The Bible

Saints Without Halos by Alvin E. Magary. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. 176 pages. $2.00.

Here is a book with an arresting title that really lives up to its name. The "saints" are appropriately so-called when the "halos" are carefully removed and put back into their halo boxes. How aptly "saints" are described as "plaster" until some competent Biblical scholar and imaginative writer like Dr. Magary brings them sharply to life. One is so stimulated by the author's keen insights into the true nature of the personalities of these New Testament worthies that one is driven to exclaim, "Of course! Why didn't I see that before?" Dr. Magary succeeds in doing in print what is sometimes done in the theater when the curtain rises to reveal what appears to be a statuary group, a Grecian frieze perhaps, that all of a sudden flows into action and speech.

The secret of the appeal of *Saints Without Halos* to this reviewer is the natural, but withal skillful, blending of sound scholarship in Biblical lore, mature understanding of human nature, and a remarkable capacity for apt phrase making. For example, note how intriguingly the chapter entitled Justice for Pontius Pilate begins, "Pontius Pilate is one of the most unjustly maligned men of history. In the minds of millions the statement in the Apostles Creed that Jesus 'suffered under Pontius Pilate' has made the Roman procurator responsible for a tragedy he sincerely tried to prevent." Incurious indeed would be the reader who did not keep on avidly to the end of the chapter.

Of course, not all the "saints" have the same personality appeal nor do all the chapters in the book have the same "reader interest" as far as this reviewer is concerned, but most assuredly he will want to read all the books from Dr. Magary's pen that may be published hereafter.

W. J. T.

God Makes the Difference

God Makes the Difference by Edwin McNeill Poteat. Harper & Brothers. $3.00.

In all of his books, Dr. Poteat presents at least two sides of his many-faceted personality. Here in this book, as often, he is not quite decided whether he shall be preacher or scholar. He is distinguished in either role. He is puzzling when he is both, in a single volume.

Simetimes he writes a book of straight sermons, often for a particular seasonal series, and the demands of the pulpit show in every chapter. Sometimes he compiles a volume of general theological argument, and his readers remember that he was a teacher in China and the president of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in recent years. Often the best clue to his intention can be discovered in his dedication.

God Makes the Difference is in his second category. He is following a course of philosophical thought from an introductory statement of a problem to a conclusion. Yet his chapters are departmentalized and organized as if they were first given as a set of prayer-meeting talks through a succession of weeks. Fortunate listeners, if in truth these thoughts were spoken, or read aloud.

During his ministry in Cleveland, Dr. Poteat's books on the Social Gospel were written, obviously his echo to D. R. Sharp, his ecclesiastical ranking officer, and of Walter Rauschenbush, who was the great hero of both. Now in Raleigh, North Carolina, he is back South where family ties are strong, and the influence of his brother, Douglass, can be felt on every page, from the touching dedication to the very end. Douglass was a medical scientist, who gave an all-too-brief life to the Red Cross and the Cancer Society. Out of his life came the question, "Does God Make a Difference?" Out of Edwin

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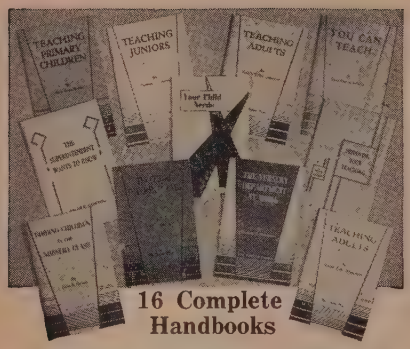

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Dr. Torrey frequently came to our Fifth Avenue office, and we were impressed with his definite and positive manner as well as his friendly spirit.

He graduated from Yale University and the theological seminary there and later studied abroad. Dr. William Culbertson, president of the Moody Bible Institute, wrote an appreciation of Dr. Torrey for Volume III of our series "Great Pulpit Masters." (This book contains fifteen of Dr. Torrey's outstanding sermons.) He mentions that Dr. Torrey was selected by Dwight L. Moody to be superintendent of the Chicago Bible Institute, later known as the Moody Bible Institute, and adds that Dr. Torrey's pre-eminent endowments qualified him in a very special manner to conduct this work which was in his charge from its inception.

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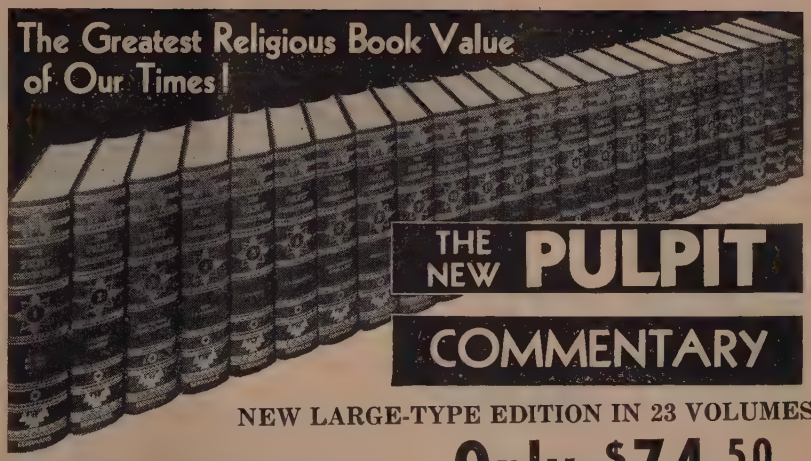

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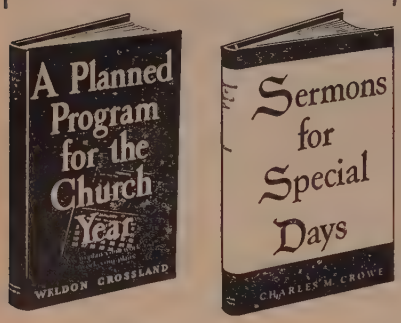

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Hero's Hymn—Carle	3
A Prayer for Our Country—Voris	1
Earth Does Not Hold—Ross-Thiman	5
O God of Freedom—E. S. Barnes	12
For Thee, O Dear, Dear Country (The Holy City)—Gaul	9
Anthem of Democracy—Matthews	1
Land of Hope and Glory—Elgar	13

Thanksgiving

Bless the Lord, O My Soul—Ivanhof	13
Hymn of Freedom—Thiman	1
I Will Give Thanks—Beach	12
List to the Lark (Arr. Dickenson)	9
All Praise to God Eternal—Gaul	5
Let the Bright Seraphim—Handel	9
O Holy Jesu—MacKinnon	1
Jesu, Word of God Incarnate—Mozart	9
Praise to the Lord, Christiansen	4
A Song of Praise (Arr. Sanford)	1
I Will Extol Thee—Diggle	6

Advent

Breathe on Me, Breath of God—Blake	1
I Am Alpha and Omega—Gounod	1
A Song of Praise (Arr. Sanford)	1
A Song in the Night—Woodman	1
Repent Ye—Scott	9
And the Glory of the Lord—Handel	1
Hearken Unto Me—Sullivan	9
Who Is Like Unto Thee, O Lord—Barnes	5

Christmas

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The Shepherds and the Inn (Arr. Gaul)	6
Love Came Down at Christmas—Candlyn	1
The Christ's Child's Lullaby (Arr. Mueller)	9
Angels Sang a Gloria—Curry	1
Lullaby on Christmas Eve—Christiansen	4
The Angel's Song—Coome	5
The Three Ships—Taylor	1
Glory to God in the Highest—Pergolesi	9
I Heard the Bells—Penick	1
Lo, My Shepherd Is Divine—Haydn	1
Cantata "Alleluia Christ Is Risen"—Marjorie Elliott	11
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New Year

From Glory Unto Glory—Warren	8
God Bless Thy Year—Quilter	5
A New Year Carol—Forsyth	9
Ring Out Wild Bells—Gounod	9
I Am Alpha and Omega—Sullivan	1
A New Year Song—Garden	5
To God Alone Be Glory—Bach (Arr. Dickensen)	1

Epiphany

Adore and Be Still—Gounod	6
Send Out Thy Light—Gounod	1
O Light From Age to Age—Sowerby	1
O Saviour Sweet—Bach (Arr. Dickensen)	1
Heavenly Light—Kopyloff	2
Nunc Dimittis—Gretchmaninoff	3
Hearken Unto Me—Beach	12

Lenten Season

Turn Ye to Me—Barrett	1
Let the Words of My Mouth—Barnes	5
God Be in My Head—Davies	1
Create in Me a Clean Heart—Harker	8
Reproaches — Palestrina (Dickensen)	1
Search Me, O God—Whitford	5
O Saviour Sweet—Bach (Dickensen)	1
Immortal Love—Bingham	5
Out of the Deep—Snow	1
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By Babylon's Wave—Gounod	6
In Faith I Quiet Wait—Bach	7
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Sweet Is Thy Mercy—Barnby	9
How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place—Brahms	9

Palm Sunday

Hail to Thee—Baker	1
Beautiful Saviour—Christiansen	4
First Palm Sunday—Dining	2
The King's Welcome—Whitehead	6
More Than a King—Ross	1
Christ Conquereth—Clokey	5

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Jerusalem—Parry	1
Good Friday	
Go to Dark Gethsemane—Miles	7
There Is a Green Hill Far Away—Gounod	1
Crucifix—Eichorn	5
O Saviour of the World—Goss	6
O Lord Save Thy Servants—Clokey	5
Darkness Obscured the Earth—Haydn	9
Easter	
Christ Is Risen—Emery	5
Easter Carol, VanHulse	7
Christ Our Lord Is Risen—Van Hulse	7
Christ, the Victor—Rossini	5
Alleluia, Christ Is Risen—Edmundson	5
An Easter Song—William France	6
The Lord Is Risen, Billing, Clokey	5
Easter (Arr. M. Whitney)	5
Sing O Earth—Eichorn	5
That Easter Morn at Break of Day—Noble	5
Alleluia, Christ Is Risen—Kopyloff	6
The Roman Soldier (Easter Carol) Hopkins-Warren	
Whitsuntide	
Lord, Let Thy Spirit—Webbe	1
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Now When Was Come the Day of Pentecost (Motet) Palestrina	1
Children's Day	
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Now Rest Ye, Pilgrim Folk—Snow	1
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Let Our Theme of Praise Ascending—Mendelssohn	3
Pilgrim's Song—Tschaikowsky	6
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Let This Mind Be in You—Beach	8
Gently, Lord, O Gently Lead Us—R. N. Dett	6
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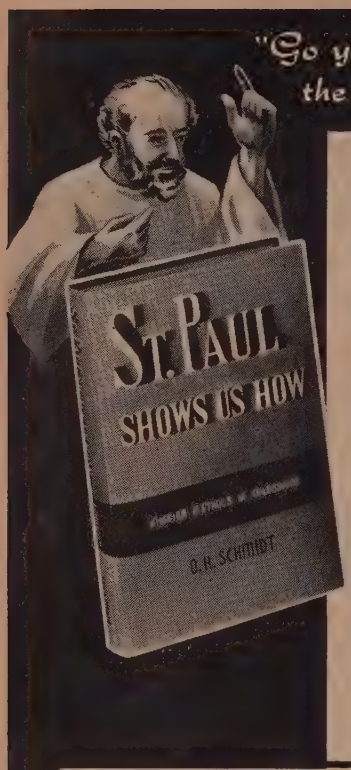

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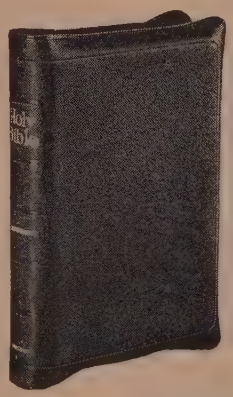

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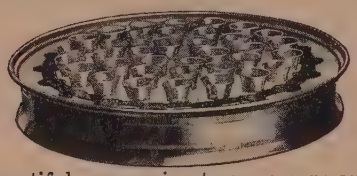

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"Where in my name meet two or three,"
Our Lord hath said, "I there will be."
So sometimes come to soul and sense
The feeling which is evidence
That very near about us lies
The realm of spiritual mysteries.

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January 13: (Missionary Sunday).

Topic: Religion Regnant.

Hymns: Father Eternal, Ruler of Creation. O Zion, Haste. Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun.

Lesson: Habakkuk 2:1-14. Text: Habakkuk 2:14. "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Habakkuk was one of the Old Testament prophets. We know nothing of his personal history. He lived either in the reign of Jehoiakim or of Josiah.

Habakkuk's book relates chiefly to the invasion of Judah by the Chaldeans, and the punishment that awaited them. It is a fearsome outlook.

He wrote, "Has not the Lord of hosts ordained that 'the toil of the nations ends in smoke,' and 'peoples wear themselves out for naught'; ''tis the knowledge of the Eternal's glory that shall fill the earth, as waters cover the bed of the sea'." (Moffatt). Habakkuk was confident of the final triumph of the reign of God.

It might remove some of the gloom that pervades even religious circles today if we caught some of the prophet's optimism. Many of our leaders seem to be scared to death.

Perilous times have existed before. The writings of Salvian are particularly interesting because they give so clear a dramatic picture of the fifth century. He gives the reader a vivid picture of the government of his day, its forms of taxation, slavery and even the "black market." In his *Governance of God* he describes how men preferred the circus and the amphitheatre to the temple of God, and claims that some worshippers would leave the church when the noise of the games attracted them. He felt that Rome had sinned away its day of opportunity and that the future lay with the pagans from the north.

What form will religion take ultimately? Will it be Christianity? There are competing religions. The Bahai have believed and practiced for almost 100 years a universal faith which they contend would solve our international problems. It was introduced by a young Persian. It advocates uniting the people of all races, religions, nationalities, classes, languages and customs into a peaceful, harmonious world community. Since the end of World War II members of the group in this country have stressed the growing need for a more powerful spiritual foundation in the new era of internationalism.

If Christianity is to be the final form, its adherents must put more energy into its propaganda.

In his book, *The Price of Leadership*, John Middleton Murry writes: "'Man must, and will, have some religion,' said William Blake. Unless we realize the truth of this, I do not believe there is any possibility of understanding the world today. And unless we realize the truth of that simple statement, we shall not realize the deeper truth of what he went on to say, 'If he has not the religion of Jesus, he will have the religion of Satan, calling the Prince of this world God, and destroying all who do not worship Satan under the name of God.' This is the condition of the world today. . . .

"It is evident that the spiritual struggle which is now being waged in Europe is a life-and-death struggle of the Christian idea as the vital principle of a civilization. In its simplest form that idea is that the overriding allegiance of man is to God as revealed in Christ—and that this allegiance is not clean outside the texture of men's daily lives, but enters into them at every point and gives them meaning. That idea is decisively repudiated by the totalitarian states."

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January 20.

Topic: I Will!

Hymns: Ye Servants of God Your Master Proclaim. Behold a Stranger at the Door. Our Wilful Hearts Have Gone Astray.

Lesson: Luke 15:11-32. Text: Luke 15:18. "I will arise and go to my father."

During the Moody-Sankey campaign in England in 1883-84, meetings were held in East London, in the center of a dense working class population. One night Moody advertised as his topic, "Atheists, Skeptics and Freethinkers."

Charles Bradlaugh, a prominent agnostic, hearing of the meeting, urged the members of his clubs to take possession of the hall. Five thousand men marched in, filling every seat.

Apparently the address made no impression on the audience. At its close Moody ordered all the doors opened, and said that those who desired to do so might leave. To his surprise no one left.

Beginning the after-meeting, Moody said he would use four words—receive, believe, trust, take. It was not until he reached the last word that there was any response.

Then he turned the attention of the audience to the story of the Prodigal Son. He said that the battle was on the will. When the prodigal said, I will, that battle was won. On Moody's invitation 500 men sprang to their feet shouting, I will. More than 2,000 men accepted Christ before the end of the week.

Decision is an important factor in human life. An American lawyer, John Foster, said: "It is a poor and disgraceful thing not to be able to reply, with some degree of certainty, to the simple question, What will you be? What will you do?"

An English divine, Philip Henry, said: "We are born with our back upon God and heaven, and our faces upon sin and hell, till grace comes, and that converts—turns us."

Listen to Bishop Phillips Brooks: "I say to my friend, Be a Christian. That means to be a full man. And he says to me, I have no time to be a Christian. It is as if the engine had said it had no room for the steam. It is as if the tree had said it had no room

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through this period and his thought has advanced to the post-Pentecost days which he will plan for. These plans will carry him up to the vacation weeks.)

11 Fourth Sunday after Easter
Mother's Day
Festival of the Christian Home
Beginning of Family Week
Youth Sunday
(The enlargement of Mother's Day into first the Festival of the Christian Home and, secondly, Family Week is significant. It comes at a time of approaching commencement and the emphasis on the home is logical and interesting.)

18 Fifth Sunday after Easter
Rogation Sunday
Rural Life Sunday
(Rural Life Sunday on the fifth Sunday after Easter coincides with the first of three rogation days of the Anglican church. In these were observed festivals for the blessing of the land, the sowing of the seed and prayers for fertility.)

22 Ascension Day
(The wise treasurer has been checking his accounts to see if payments have been sufficient to carry the church through the vacation period. If there is much in arrears there is still time to make an effort for collections.)

25 Sunday after Ascension

WHITSUNTIDE

The last season of our year is called Whitsuntide. It starts with Whitsunday and continues until the first Sunday in July. It is a tapering off season. The minister should plan his vacation and vacation services.

June

1 Whitsunday
Pentecost
(A splendid day for the public reception of the members of the confirmation class into the membership of the church. Better than Easter for, standing by itself, the importance of membership training has more emphasis.)

8 Trinity Sunday
First Sunday after Pentecost
Children's Day
(This Sunday has become the property of the children. It is used to show the work done in the church school, presentations of children, class promotions and other features of the education work.)

15 First Sunday after Trinity
Second Sunday after Pentecost

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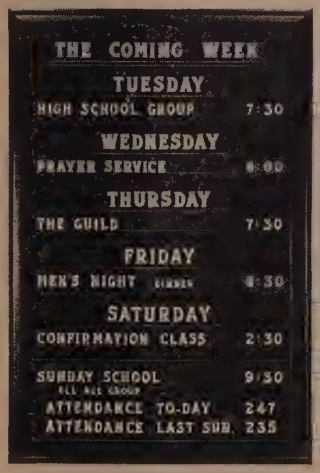

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for the sap. It is as if the ocean had said that it had no room for the tide. It is as if man had said that he had no room for his soul. It is not something that is added to life, it is life."

Accept Christ, then take the next step. Join a Christian community. A young convert, when asked why he had joined the church, made this wise and suggestive reply. "I had not made up my mind when I came to the meeting tonight, but while you were talking I thought it was just like buying a ticket to Chicago and then riding on the platform. I thought I might as well go inside."

If any in this congregation believe themselves to be Christians, but are hesitating about taking the sensible step of joining the church, here is an argument in a nutshell. If one is a sincere Christian he will get to heaven even though he remain outside the church. But he will get there more comfortably if he is on the inside.

Why not make the great decision today? Say with George Matheson:

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followeth all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine blaze its day
May richer, fuller be.

January 27.

Topic: Integrity!

Hymns: Send Forth, O God, Thy Light and Truth. My Faith Looks Up to Thee. Walk in the Light.

Lesson: Psalm 24. Text: Psalm 41:12. "But as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity."

"Much of my influence," wrote David Livingstone, in his *Travels in South Africa*, "depended upon the good name given by the Bakwains, and that I secured only through a long course of tolerably good conduct. No one ever gains much influence in this country without purity and uprightness. The acts of a stranger are keenly scrutinized by both young and old, and seldom is the judgment pronounced, even by the heathen, unfair or uncharitable. I have heard women speaking in favor of a white man because he was pure, and never was guilty of any immorality. Had he been they would have known it, and, untutored heathen though they be, would have despised him in consequence."

Integrity involves trustworthiness, honesty and uprightness. "Virtue alone is true nobility," said Antisthenes, the Greek philosopher, "therefore the most virtuous are the most noble."

Socrates said: "The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world is to be in reality what we would appear to be; and if we observe we shall find that all human virtues increase and strengthen themselves by the experience and practice of them."

The Psalmist recognized the importance of integrity. He wrote, "Who may ascend the Eternal hill? Who may stand within his sacred shrine? He only who has clean hands and a heart unstained, who never sets his mind on what is false, who never breaks his word." 24:3, 4. (Moffatt).

Christians, of all people, should be men and women of integrity. Jesus expects that. He said his followers were the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Matthew 5:13-16.

Yet alas, not all professed Christians are. About 1924, when William Griffiths, a Labor M. P., was a choir boy in rather a poor district of Manchester, a new sidesman came to the church who greatly impressed the boys. He was meticulous in his church duties and generous in his contributions. Then suddenly he left the church and was never seen there again. The sidesman was Dr. Clements, who poisoned his wife.

Madame Swetchine, the Russian authoress wrote: "God made no virtue obligatory upon men which does not greatly subserve his temporal welfare." How true that is.

Dr. Joshua Liebman gave some excellent advice: "Trust yourself. Respect yourself with all your shortcomings and achievements. Trust yourself to master the undesirable traits of your character and to achieve both relative inner decency and outer confidence. Such knowledge and trust will tend to eliminate our all-too-human tendency to self-contempt. They will be fertile sources of that true love of self which neither exaggerates its powers nor minimizes its worth."

Louise Driscoll wrote:

Hold fast your dreams
Within your heart
Keep one still, secret spot
Where dreams may go,
And sheltered so,
May thrive and grow
Where doubt and fear are not.
O keep a place apart,
Within your heart,
For little dreams to go!

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February 3.

Topic: A Gracious Art.

Hymns: Heaven Is Here. O Brother Man. Thou Lord of Life, Our Saving Health.

Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46. Text: Matthew 25:36. "I was sick and ye visited me."

The description of the Last Judgment, recorded only by Matthew, is dramatic. Of course it must be interpreted as figurative.

Among the things credited to those placed on the right hand was that they visited the sick. They were highly commended and rewarded.

"Then will the King say to those on his right, 'Come, you who have the blessing of my Father, into the kingdom made ready for you before the world was'." v:34. (Basic English).

Sickness brings out one of the best of human qualities—sympathy. A social worker in a Manchester slum tells the story of a whole family completely changed by the power of a deformed child. The father and the sons were coarse and uncouth, and the mother, overworked and far from strong, had fallen into untidy habits. But a deformed baby was the means of drawing out the love and tenderness of the whole family.

Henry Ward Beecher said: "To be full of goodness, full of cheerfulness, full of sympathy, full of helpful hope, causes a man to carry blessings of which he is himself as unconscious as a lamp is of its own shining. Such a one moves on human life as stars move on dark sea to bewildered mariners, as the sun wheels, bringing all the season with him from the south."

Sick visitation is an art. We feel our obligation and at the same time our inefficiency.

Russell L. Dicks, who has made a specialty of ministering to the sick in hospitals, gives some excellent advice. He writes: "Listening is the most effective method to work with individuals which has been discovered to the present time. . . . Listening is the only method we know which can safely be used in every kind of situation.

"The good listener is the one who cares what happens to those around, who is willing and ready to help those who need help, and to share his own hope and happiness with those who need hope renewed."

People of all ranks engage in the blessed ministry of visiting the sick.

A clergyman, calling on a sick woman, found by her bedside a lady in deep mourning, reading. He would have retired, but she said, "No, no, do not go. I could not wish the invalid to lose the comfort a clergyman can afford." Taking up the book she had left, he found that it was a volume of Scripture selections, and that its owner and reader was Queen Victoria.

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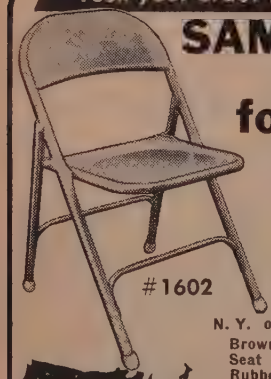
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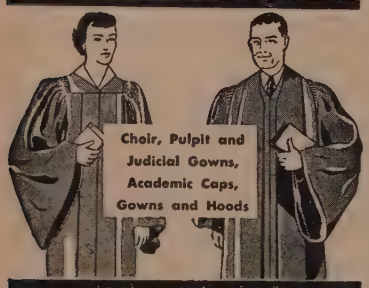
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What can love say to grief—
For comfort, for relief?
Where reason will not dare,
What can love whisper to despair?

The heart is swift but dumb,—
O Holy Spirit come,
O Word and Truth and Way,
Teach me what love should say.

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February 10: (Race Relations Sunday).

Topic: Prejudice!

Hymns: O Thou Great Friend of All the Sons of Men. Lift Up Our Hearts, O King of Kings. O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee.

Lesson: Mark 6:1-13. Text: Mark 6:3. "And they were offended at him."

On one of Jesus' visits to Nazareth a startling event occurred. "And when the Sabbath day had come, he was teaching in the synagogue; and a number of people hearing him were surprised, saying, 'From where did this man get these things?' and, 'What is the wisdom given to this man, and what are these acts of power done by his hands? Is not this the woodworker, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon. Are not his sisters here with us? And they were bitter against him." Verses 2, 3. (Basic English).

Their bitterness was occasioned by prejudice. And prejudice is a common failing. There is nothing respecting which a man may be so long unconscious as of the extent and strength of his prejudices.

Prejudice is detrimental. A Scottish clergyman, John Macduff, said: "Prejudice is the conjuror of imaginary wrongs, strangling truth, overpowering reason, making strong men weak and weak men weaker. God give us large-hearted charity which 'beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things, which thinketh no evil.' "

The Nazarenes directed their prejudice against one of their own townsmen. That is not unusual. But it is more often directed against people of other races. In America it is the Jew and Negro who are the chief sufferers.

A former navy chaplain offered to resign as pastor of Herman Talmage's church, charging that eleven of his deacons disapproved of his opposition to the white primary bill. He said: "It is a sad state when a minister of the gospel is met with so much deliberate misunderstanding."

How can prejudice be overcome? Here is a suggestion. A few years ago an invasion of one of the most desirable resitential sections of Cleveland began. First came the Jews then the Negroes. Considerable friction developed which threatened to result in open conflict.

An Area Community Council was formed. It endeavored by example and persuasion to keep up the appearance of the neighborhood. At a dinner meeting the speaker complimented the 160 white and colored, Christian and Jews, sitting together at the tables and proving that people can live together in the troubled world.

"I have never before seen such a practical example of the brotherhood of man," she said. "When men meet together with the purpose of eliminating hostility between the creeds and races, when one little segment of humanity demonstrates what is meant by community spirit, the morality of the whole world is elevated."

In the chancel of a Michigan village church there is a cross of beautifully carved walnut. There is a story back of it. The minister had gone to a barber shop for a hair cut. As the barber was finishing, a Russian Jew came in, the sole representative of his race in the village. The barber and the other men began to deride him. The minister remained silent for a time and then said; "Today you persecute the Jew, tomorrow it will be the Negro, then the Catholic, then it may be the Baptists," . . . then, turning to the leader of the persecution, "that will be your turn."

In gratitude the Jew said, "Preacher, I make cross for you." In due time the cross was finished and the Jew carried it to the chancel of the church where it now stands.

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February 17.

Topic: Worship—Where, When?

Hymns: Come Thou Almighty King, God Himself Is Present. Now Thank We All Our God.

Lesson: John 4:1-26. Text: John 4:23. "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth."

There seems to be general agreement that God ought to be worshipped. But there have always been differences of opinion about the details of worship. About the place, the time and the mode of worship.

Where ought people to worship? Jesus' interview with the Samaritan woman is of special interest because the question was raised as to the proper place for worship. The woman said, "Now our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, whereas you Jews declare the proper place for worship is at Jerusalem." Verse 20. (Moffatt).

Jesus indicated that the place was of secondary importance.

When ought people to worship? There has always been considerable controversy on that matter. And it is a live question today. Some years ago, the *Ohio State Journal* said: "Just exactly the day that is used for Sunday is not important. That all should use the same day is. . . . This Republic was based largely on the recognition of Sunday as a day of rest and worship. It may have shifted a little from its foundations, but still it is the recognized practice and faith of the country. It is an American institution, and there is no reason why the atheist, the Mohammedan, the Buddhist, or one of any faith, should not adopt that day too."

Paul answered that question sensibly. He wrote, "Then again, this man rates one day above another, while that man rates all days alike. Well, everyone must be convinced in his own mind." Romans 14:4,5. (Moffatt).

Stephen, king of Poland in the sixteenth century, was urged to constrain some of his subjects, who were of a different religion, to embrace his. He

said: "I am king of men and not of consciences. The dominion of the conscience belongs exclusively to God."

Jesus settled the whole matter of worship in these words, "But the time is coming, it has come already, when the real worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and in reality; for these are the worshippers that the Father wants. God is Spirit, and his worshippers must worship him in Spirit and in reality." Verses 23, 24. (Moffatt).

A soldier in Africa wrote these lines:

God does not ask for stained-glass windows here,
Nor plush-draped pews to prove that he is near.
This tent that's open to the morning sun
Shines forth beauty of his presence won:
And here 'mid toil where people hurry by,
Intent on tasks, nor stop to question why,
Is found the answer to a soldier's prayer—
God is a living presence everywhere.

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February 24. (Brotherhood Sunday).

Topic: "Ich Dien."

Hymns: Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart. We Thank Thee, Lord. When Thy Heart With Joy O'erflowing.

Lesson: Luke 4:14-37. Text: Luke 22:27. "But I am among you as he that serveth."

At the Battle of Cressy in 1346, when Edward III of England gained a notable victory over Philip VI of France, King John of Bohemia tried to rally his troops by dashing into the fray. It could only meet with one result—death. Edward, the Black Prince, who won his spurs in that battle, afterwards adopted as his crest the three ostrich plumes and the motto, "Ich Dien," which means "I serve." This has been the motto of all successive Princes of Wales.

A greater than any Prince of Wales said, "I am among you as one that serveth."

Service is the *sine qua non* of brotherhood. Meaner, the German dramatic poet, wrote, "To live is not to live to one's self alone; let us help one another."

"The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions," wrote Coleridge, the English poet, "the little too-soon-forgotten charities of a kiss, or a smile, a kind look, a heartfelt compliment in the disguise of a playful raillery, and the countless infinitesimals of pleasurable thought and genial feeling."

Many people are in need of service. Just as he had finished saying he had been forgotten by all the world, Robert Anderson, a colored prisoner, was handed a Christmas pardon. The Negro, who had been in the workhouse for a year and a half, during which time he never received a caller nor any mail, told of his long imprisonment and said it looked as though he had been forgotten.

Service is being rendered by many individuals and agencies. Not the least of these is the Christian Church.

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"Kindness in women, not their beauteous looks, shall win my love," wrote Shakespeare.

Hearing a young lady praised for her beauty, a quaint divine asked: "What kind of beauty do you mean? Merely that of the body, or that also of the mind? I see well that you have been looking no further than the sign which nature displays outside the house, but have never asked for the host who dwells within. Beauty is an excellent gift of God, nor has the pen of the Holy Spirit forgotten to speak its praise, but it is virtuous and godly beauty alone which the Scripture honors."

An aged man was busy planting and grafting an apple tree. He was interrupted by this interrogation, "Why do you plant trees, you cannot hope to eat the fruit?" He replied, "Someone planted trees for me before I was born, and I have eaten the fruit. I now plant for others that the memorial of my gratitude may exist when I am dead." He expressed the true spirit of brotherhood.

If I had the time to find a place
And sit me down full face to face
With my better self, that cannot show
In my daily life that rushes so—
It might be then I should see my soul
Was stumbling still toward the shining goal.
I might be nerved by the thought sublime—
If I had the time!

So wrote Richard Burton.

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LENT

March 2.

Topic: Concealment or Confession.

Hymns: Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned. Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult. Rock of Ages.

Lesson: I John 1. Text: Proverbs 28:13. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

Dr. Grenfell, the Labrador missionary, speaking for one of the native boys, said: "You will ask if he was a heathen. Well, am I? Are you? He had no theology anyhow. He didn't pray and did not understand our devotions. I couldn't talk to him well enough to ask him what he believed. But he has not done any naughty acts yet, and is very good and cheerful."

That cannot be said of the average man and woman. Paul declared, "None is righteous, no not one; no one understands, no one seeks for God. All have swerved, one and all have gone wrong, no one does good, not a single one." Romans 3:11, 12. (Moffatt).

The text says, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper." In view of what is happening in the world today that does not seem to be true.

But the Psalmist had the answer to that puzzle. He wrote, "Leave it to the Eternal and be patient, fret not over the successful man who aims to slay the upright, and carries out his wicked plan. Cease your anger, give up raging, fret not—it only leads to evil. Evildoers shall be rooted out, and the land left to those who wait for the Eternal." 37:7a-9. (Moffatt).

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Liturgical and Executive Calendar

(From page 91)

Father's Day
(It is always a question whether Mother's Day and Father's Day should not be merged into the second Sunday in May under the general title of "Festival of the Christian Home." We think that the idea has merit.)

22 Second Sunday after Trinity
Third Sunday after Pentecost
(The Trinity weeks cover a long period. From Trinity Sunday up to Advent. The National Council of Churches have done well to break it with Kingdomtide which starts with the last Sunday in August.)

29 Third Sunday after Trinity
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Nature Sunday
(So ends the year and the warm months come.)

Sermon Calendar

(From page 95)

David realized the bitterness of sin and the need for confession. He prayed, "O God, as thou are kind, have mercy on me, in thy vast pity wipe out my offences, wash me from every stain of guilt, and purge me from my sin. Well do I know my offences; my sin is never out of mind. It is against thee I have sinned, I have done evil in thy sight." Psalm 51:1-4. (Moffatt).

Lent is the period in the Church Year which is set apart for self examination and confession. Francis Quarles wrote: "If thou would be justified, acknowledge thine injustice. He that confesses his sin begins his journey toward salvation. He that is sorry for it mends his pace. He that forsakes it is at his journey's end.

"Penitence is a pathway which must be traveled on the way to communion with God. The higher our adoration and the deeper our gratitude, the keener becomes our sense of unworthiness and the more vivid our awareness of guilt. The contrast between what we could be and what we are is appalling. The gulf between our most ennobling experiences and our worst moments is wide and threatening."

Make me a captive, Lord,
And then I shall be free;
Force me to render up my sword,
And I shall conqueror be.

I sink in life's alarms
When by myself I stand;
Imprison me within thy arms,
And strong shall be my hand.

My power is faint and low
Till I have learned to serve,
It wants the needed fire to glow,
It wants the breeze to nerve.

It cannot drive the world
Until itself is driven!
Its flag can only be unfurled
When thou shalt breathe from heaven.
So wrote George Matheson.

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March 9.

Topic: Approved!

Hymns: Angel Voices Ever Singing. Give Us, O God, With Humble Might. O Son of Man, Thou Madest Known.

Lesson: II Timothy 2:1-18. Text: II Timothy 2:15. "Study to present thyself approved to God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

When Charles Alexander, the gospel singer and evangelist, was in Australia, he and a friend agreed to take II Timothy 2:15 for their year text. This was noted in a London journal. A woman sent it to a soldier in Calcutta, he read it and gave his heart to God. When Mr. Alexander was going through that city, the soldier came to him and said, "Are you the one who told that story in Melbourne?" "Yes," he replied. "Well, that's the reason I am a Christian." That incident had gone 17,000 miles and had led a soldier to Christ.

Paul is writing to a novice whom he is training for the ministry. He says, "Do your utmost to let God see that you at least are a sound workman." (Moffatt).

Every Christian should be a worker. Jesus said, "It is as when a man, who is in another country for a time, having gone away from his house, and given authority to his servants, and to everyone his work, gives the porter an order to keep watch." Mark 13:34. (Basic English).

Unfortunately not all Christians are workers. But some churches have learned the secret of producing workers. It was reported in 1947, that in the last

100 years, 300 missionaries had gone forth from Trinity Presbyterian Church, Newcastle, England, to China and India.

Every Christian should be a sound workman. In other words, he should be a competent and persistent worker.

Thomas Dane, the oldest teacher in the Faversham Congregational Sunday School, has been teaching continuously for sixty-eight years, and at the time this report was made he was still taking his class regularly. That is the kind of worker that is approved of God.

During this Lenten period it may be well to ask ourselves some questions. Am I a Christian worker? Am I a sound workman? Is my work approved of God?

Paul's first question after his conversion was, "Lord, what would'st thou have me to do?" Acts 9:6. That would be a good question for us to ask today.

The Christian should learn to work in cooperation with others. Theodore Roosevelt wrote: "Individualism is a good thing if not carried too far. But there is a better thing, working together with a common purpose for a good end. Individualism makes men exclusive and limits their usefulness. It is the man who can work with others for an end outside and beyond himself who is successful in public life. Individualism will not get you far after you get out into the world. You have got to work for a cause and band yourself with others in united effort."

In this troubled and perplexing world workers are desperately needed. Paul realized that. He wrote, "I plead with you therefore, brethren, by the compassion of God, to present all your faculties to him as a living and holy sacrifice acceptable to him—a spiritual mode of worship. And do not conform to the present age, but be transformed by the entire renewal of your minds, so that you may learn by experience what God's will is, namely, all that is good and acceptable to him and perfect." Romans 12:1, 2. (Weymouth).

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March 16.

Topic: Participation.

Hymns: Dear God Our Father. Lift Up Your Hearts. From Thee All Skill and Science Flow.

Lesson: I Corinthians 12:12-31. Text: I Corinthians 12:14. "But the body is not one member but many."

This story was told concerning a church I once served in Michigan. A wealthy man, a member of the church, used to make a generous contribution each year. But he made it on the condition that he was not to be asked to participate in the activities of the church in any way or manner.

There have always been non-participants in every church. Their names are on the church roll but they take little or no part in the affairs of the church.

Thomas Binney was a famous London preacher. Before he went to London, he was minister of a church in the Isle of Wight. At the close of his five-year ministry there he wrote in the Church Book: "During this period there were no deacons to cooperate with the pastor in the business of the church. The attendance was in general good. Some were added to the church. . . . But strictly speaking it cannot be said that the society was very pros-

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perous. For this reasons might be assigned furnished both by the pastor and the people—but may the Lord pardon the imperfections of both—and now. Oh! Lord! send now prosperity. Amen and Amen."

It is evident that no church can be effective unless it has participant members. Without them it would wither and die.

Paul shows how necessary every member is to the success of the church. He wrote: "Now there are different qualities given to men, but the same Spirit. And there are different sorts of servants, but the same Lord. And there are different operations, but the same God, who is working all things in all. But to every man some form of the Spirit's working is given for the common good." I Corinthians 12:4-7. (Basic English).

Let us be grateful to our participant members. Those who are active in all its enterprises and who work enthusiastically for their promotion. Why not join their company?

It was in Florida during the war. A little band of Christian soldiers held a weekly prayer meeting. One evening a new voice was heard. It said: "I am not accustomed to speak in prayer meetings. But I have thought it was hardly fair for me to be always warming myself in this Christian fire without ever furnishing an armful of fuel. So I rise to tell you that your Saviour is my Saviour." That day he became a member of the noble army of participants.

A writer says: "Our passion must be at least equal to that of our competitors for human allegiance. The building of the New Jerusalem will not be an easier task than establishing Soviet Russia. . . . To be among the builders we must be prepared for the sterner, stronger discipline of the love which makes its own demands become the hunger and thirst of our deepest selves. We shall waste our time and utterly fail if we bring to the work of the Kingdom less than the hard thinking, and the burning passion which some are dedicating to modern attempts to meet our human problem."

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March 23 (Stewardship Sunday).

Topic: Faithful and Wise.

Hymns: O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea. For Joys of Service Thee We Praise. All Things Are Thine.

Lesson: Luke 16:1-13. Text: Luke 12:42. "Who then is that faithful and wise steward?"

The story which Jesus told of the wealthy man who went on a foreign trip, conveys a very important lesson. To everyone of us is given a certain amount of this world's goods, and we are expected to use it to the best possible advantage. And most important of all, we shall be required to make a final accounting.

Bishop Horne said: "Our children, relations, friends, honors, houses, lands, and endowments, the goods of nature and fortune, nay, even of grace itself, are only lent. It is our misfortune and our sin to fancy they are given. We start, therefore, and are angry when the loan is called in. We think ourselves masters when we are only stewards, and forget that to each of us it will one day be said, 'Give an account of thy stewardship.'"

Part of what is entrusted to our care should be devoted to religious purposes.

In his farewell address to the elders of the church at Miletus, Paul said, "I was an example to you of how, in your lives, you are to give help to the feeble, and keep in memory the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'There is greater blessing in giving than in getting.'" Acts 20:35. (Basic English).

Some Christians are generous givers. Some years ago, Dr. Clark, of the American Board, told this story. In a Massachusetts village there was a mechanic of limited income, who by self-denial was supporting a native preacher in Bohemia at a cost of $150 a year. He also sent $15.00 to Japan to aid in sending out evangelistic workers. To do this he gave up the purchase of a new suit. The Japanese preacher told the story wherever he went, and it stirred up the Japanese Christians to more earnest purpose and self-denial.

Stewardship Sunday is designed to remind us of our obligation. Helen A. Walker wrote:

My lady in gown of silk is arrayed,
The fabric soft was in India made.
Will she think of the country whence it came,
Will she make an offering in his name
To send the perfect, heavenly dress,
The mantle of Christ's own righteousness,
To those who are poor and sad and forlorn,
To those who know not that Christ is born?

We should not parade our gifts. It is said that one of Baron Rothchild's peculiarities was to conceal his benevolence. He gave away a great deal of money but if the one who received it ever mentioned the fact so that it came back to the baron's ears, he never got any more. His contributions to general benevolence were always anonymous or passed through the hands of others. His name never appeared on any benevolent list.

Jesus said, "But when you give money, let not your right hand see what your left hand does: so that your giving may be in secret: and your Father who sees in secret will give you your reward." Matthew 6:3, 4. (Basic English).

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March 30 (Passiontide).

Topic: Is It Nothing to You?

Hymns: Beneath the Cross of Jesus. My Lord, My Master, at Thy Feet Adoring. There Is No Sorrow, Lord.

Lesson: Zechariah 3. Text: Zechariah 12:10. "They shall look upon me whom they have pierced."

There are some remarkable sayings in the writings of Zechariah about a suffering Messiah.

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Passiontide affords an opportunity to reflect upon what the cross means, and what was involved in the agony and death of Jesus.

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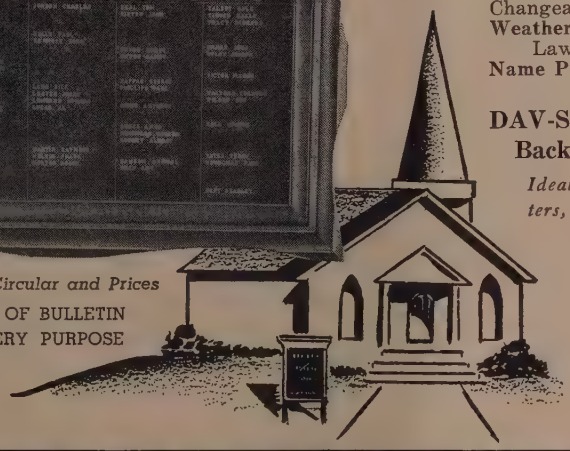

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What Jesus suffered during Passion-tide is suggested in these moving lines by Marietta Clarke:

I know now that his pain on Calvary
Was but a tithe of suffering compared
With that stark passion in Gethsemane
When, all alone, he knew his grief unshared
By those whom he so long with love had taught;
When he returned, eyes stained with bitter weeping,
To them with whom his spirit long had wrought.
He saw how on the ground they all lay sleeping.
A second time he went apart and prayed;
Returning then his warm heart bled afresh
To find his friends at ease within the glade,
And caught them once more in sleep's seductive mesh.
How could he care to keep his body whole
When he had known this heartbreak of the soul?

The popular Baptist preacher, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, said: "Thus Calvary yields us comfort rare and rich. We never should have known Christ's love in all its heights and depths if he had not died; nor could we guess the Father's deep affection if he had not given his Son to die.

"The common mercies we enjoy all sing of love, just as the sea-shell, when we put it to our ears, whispers of the deep sea whence it came, but if we desire to hear the ocean itself we must not look at every-day blessings, but at the transactions of the crucifixion. He who would know love let him retire to Calvary and see the Man of Sorrows die."

When President Ozora Davis was confined to a hospital, he wrote: "Perhaps this is only another way of saying that the cross is the true and glorious symbol of the Christian faith. Printed on a little board which I have used for some years to hold my writing tablet are five words that were given to me by Sundar Singh, *Si crucem portas portabit te.* 'If you carry the cross it will carry you.' I have proven its truth."

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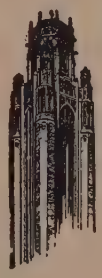
April 6 (Palm Sunday).

Topic: Ephemeral Popularity.

Hymns: O Thou, in All Thy Might So Far. Christ in His Heavenly Garden Walks All Day. Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts.

Lesson: John 12:12-32. **Text:** John



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12:21. "Sir, we would see Jesus."

During his earthly career Jesus was the center of attraction. Crowds flocked to see him wherever he went. The climax came on the day he rode triumphantly into Jerusalem. But it was an ephemeral triumph and ended when night closed in.

But there were individuals who sought to see Jesus. "Now there were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the festival: they came to Philip of Bethsaida in Galilee and appealed to him, saying, 'Sir, we want to see Jesus.'"

All down the years people have sought to see Jesus. As Professor Strauss said: "As little as humanity will ever be without religion, as little will it be without Christ."

Because they have seen him, his image is indelibly stamped on human history.

Richard Roberts, a popular preacher, said: "Hardly a single department of our life has been touched and profoundly modified by him. In short, it is impossible to understand the history of two millenniums without reference to him. He is by far the most outstanding figure in the history of the world, and his influence upon the lives and affairs of men is unique and without parallel."

Today there is an almost universal cry, articulate or matriculate, we would see Jesus. Why is this? Because he alone has the solution to the world's problems.

Writing in the *Contemporary Review*, George Glasgow said: "The Russian government has been able to cripple the church in Russia, though it cannot eliminate religion from the hearts of its subjects. It was in Russia particularly, in the time of the Tsars, that the Christians contributed their share of the general fault. They betrayed their Christian trust, showed themselves to be insensitive to the central teaching of Christ about brotherly love and justice, and by greedily grasping the unfair privileges of Tsarist society to whose selfish purposes they in effect allied themselves at the expense of the toiling masses, they gave to the bolshevik revolutionaries a handle against religion itself. The communists embody in their pretension the natural reaction against the sins of man, committed by man when he had the freedom and the power to commit them, and that pretension is aimed logically against capitalism, democracy and Christianity alike."

Talking about G. K. Chesterton, Emile Cammerts said: "After searching from his early youth for a philosophy that would answer his deepest intuition, after rejecting the ideals offered him by most of the great writers of his time, he made the extraordinary discovery that the new faith which he wished to embrace was the old faith which he had discarded."

Would you escape life's perils? Then let Jesus the divine Navigator steer your bark. There will then be no danger of shipwreck. He is equal to every emergency. He will bring you safely into port.

Laid on thy altar, O my Lord divine,
Accept this gift today for Jesus' sake;
I have no jewels to adorn thy shrine,
No far-famed sacrifice to make;
But here within my trembling hand I bring
This will of mine—a thing that seemeth small.
But thou alone, O Lord, canst understand
How when I yield thee this, I yield mine all.

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EASTERTIDE

April 13 (Easter Day).

Topic: Welcome Happy Morn!

Hymns: O the Golden Glowing Morning. Alleluia! Alleluia! Crown Him With Many Crowns.

Lesson: Luke 24:13-34. Text: Acts 4:33. "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus."

Today there are many—even some Christians—who are skeptical about the resurrection of Jesus.

But the apostles were so convinced of the reality of Jesus' resurrection that they made it the main topic of their preaching and conversation.

"And with great power the apostles gave witness of the coming back of the Lord Jesus from the dead; and grace was on them all."

Peter gave this testimony on the Day of Pentecost, Acts 2:22-24; and in his interview with Cornelius, Acts 10:29-42.

Paul, in his address in the Synagogue at Antioch, bore his testimony. Acts 13:28-31; and in his discussions with the Jews in the Synagogue at Thessalonica, Acts 17:1-3.

In *Modern Painters*, John Ruskin wrote: "I suppose there is no event in the whole life of Christ to which, in hours of doubt or fear, men turn with more anxious thirst to know the close facts of it, or with more earnest and passionate dwelling upon every syllable of its recorded narrative, than Christ's showing himself to his disciples at the Lake of Galilee. There is something pre-eminently open, natural, full fronting your disbelief, in this manifestation.

"The others, recorded after the resurrection, were sudden, phantomlike, occurring to men in profound sorrow and wearied agitation of heart, not, it might seem, safe judges of what they saw. But the agitation was now over. They had gone back to their daily work, thinking still their business lay netwards, unmeshed from the literal rope and drag."

In his book, *Jesus Christ, God, God and Man*, Lacordaire wrote: "His tomb is now the center of the religious world, Mussulmans, Greeks, Protestants, Catholics guard it. All, gathered together from the four winds of heaven agree to venerate the inanimate stone upon which the mangled body of Christ for three days and nights reposed."

Jesus spoke an assuring word about the resurrection of his followers. "Yet a little while, and the world beholdeth me no more; but ye behold me: because I live ye shall live also." John 14:19.

"The heart of man hears the call and feels the attraction of the life beyond, as the woodland brook hears the call of the distant sea and hastens on to meet it."

When Dr. Reese preached the last time in North Wales, a friend said to him, "You are whitening fast, Dr. Reese." He did not make any reply then, but when he reached the pulpit

he said: "There is a wee white flower that comes up through the earth at this season of the year. Sometimes it comes up through the snow and frost; but we are glad to see the snowdrop, because it proclaims that the winter is over and that the summer is at hand. A friend reminded me last night that I was whitening fast. But heed not that, brother, it is to me proof that my winter will soon be over, that I shall have done presently with the cold east winds and the frosts of earth, and that my summer, my eternal summer is at hand."

Nancy Byrd Turner wrote these lines:

In a sweet springtime,
Half the world away,
Jesus Christ arose for us
At the break of day.

Now again it's springtime—
Bending low we pray:
Bless us Lord of Easter,
On Thy Easter day!

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April 20 (Young People's Sunday).

Topic: A Student's Creed.

Hymns: In Life's Earnest Morning. I Would Be True. O Jesus, Once a Nazareth Boy.

Lesson: Proverbs 3:1-18. Text: Proverbs 21:21. "He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness and honour."

Benjamin F. Judd, a resident of Seattle, Washington, adopted this Creed.

I believe in God without reservation.

I believe that all things scientifically true are of God.

I believe in Jesus Christ as the Revelation of God to man.

I believe his will for me is to live in health, in peace, and in material sufficiency, and in harmony with his law and love.

I believe that in Christ I can live victoriously, that no condition in life is too great but that he and I can conquer.

I believe that I am to live in forgiveness, purity and trust, that I am the channel through which his will is to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

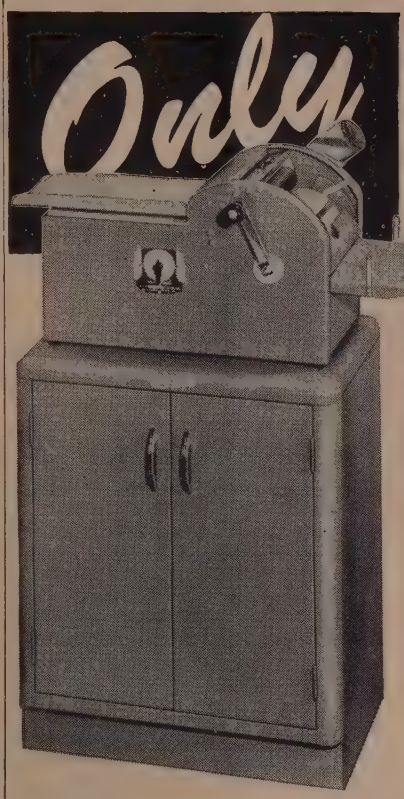
I believe that I can best find God in quietness, in prayer, and in the service of others.

I believe in affirmative and creative living, and that my life should be a demonstration of my confession.

I believe that I should be severe with self, gentle with others, and honest with all, renouncing all secret criticism.

These are the principles that make for a sturdy Christian character and lead to a successful life.

Into Chicago Commons, a social settlement, one day came a young man, William E. Dever, to listen to one of the forums. Professor Graham Gaylor interested himself in young Dever. When Dever complained about the political corruption rampant in the city, Taylor encouraged him to do something about it. Dever thought he couldn't—he was only one unknown victim. But Taylor suggested that he might begin by studying politics and eventually become an alderman for that district. So Dever tightened his belt and went at it. He became an alderman, but he didn't stop there. He went on to become mayor of Chicago, and he gave it as clean, honest and courageous an administration as it ever had.



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The words of the sage of the Old Testament are as true today as when they were written. "He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness and honour."

This prayer was found in Chester Cathedral, England.

Give me a good digestion, Lord,
And also something to digest.
Give me a healthy body, Lord,
With sense to keep it at its best.

Give me a healthy mind, good Lord,
To keep the good and pure in sight,
Which, seeing sin is not appalled,
But finds a way to set it right.

Give me a mind that is not bored,
That does not whimper, whine or sigh,
Don't let me worry overmuch
About the fussy thing called I.

Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke;
To get some happiness from life,
And pass it on to other folk.

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April 27.

Topic: Let the Church Be Something.

Hymns: O God of Mercy! Hearken Now. He Who Would Valiant Be. Christian, Dost Thou See Them?

Lesson: Revelation 3. Text: Revelation 3:15. "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot."

In an address by Bishop Robert Spencer at the Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri, he said some startling things. Among them this: "A recent book was titled *Let the Church Be the Church.* What I am about to say has nothing to do with that book. It has only to do with a very common use of its title by those who say, 'Let the Church Be the Church,' meaning quite evidently let the church be nothing. In other words, let the dove descending in the stained glass wing his way heavenward and let his place be taken by the ostrich, his head deeply buried in a pile of fresh olive branches."

Writing in *The Manchester Guardian,* Canon Peter Green asked: "In what way does the present age fall most short of the age that preceded it? I should be inclined to say that it does so in a lack of moral emotion. Where today is the 'Nonconformist conscience of Victorian days?' "

In a radio address, Dr. Karl Barth said: "There are other parts of the world where the churches are treated with benevolent tolerance, or even respectfully recognized, as a Sunday affair, entirely divorced from reality, a matter of personal edification, some abstract metaphysical necessity, but, of course, with everyone agreeing that the churches are harmless, useless in practice and of no importance."

Apparently there is a great deal of apathy in the modern church. There does not seem to be much desire to criticize the evils of the day or to protest against them.

A writer said: "That lodge which has in its membership a kicker is a lodge to be congratulated. Understand that there is a difference between a grumbler and a kicker. The grumbler is no better than the sulker, to whom he is a cousin germaine. He only continues to make a nuisance of himself without bringing about any good either to himself or to the lodge. But the kicker, as his name denotes, is an active instrumentality, as efficacious in a lodge room as a spur to a jaded horse, and blessed is the lodge that possesses him."

We need more "kickers" in the church. Members who will arouse it from its lethargy and induce it to engage in direct action.

The writer of the Book of Revelation represents Jesus as saying to the church at Laodicea, "These things say the true and certain witness, the head of God's new order: I have knowledge of your works, that you are not cold or warm. So because you are not one thing or the other, I will have no more to do with you." Revelation 3:15, 16. (Basic English).

The time has come for the church to cease passing pious resolutions and to get into the fight against the political corruption and the social degeneracy that is so prevalent today.

"Modern Mohammed" is the name given to a man of Burnaby, near Vancouver. He has started to remove a mountain which has blocked his view of the Pacific coast. If the church has faith and energy it also can remove mountains. Matthew 21:21.

Give us men!
Men from every rank,
Fresh and free and frank;
Men of thought and reading,
Men of light and leading,
Men of loyal breeding,
Men of faith and not of faction,
Men of lofty aim in action:
Give us men—I say again
Give us men!

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May 4.

Topic: A Christian Grace.

Hymns: Mighty God, While Angels Bless Thee. I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus. When the Lord of Love Was Here.

Lesson: I Peter 5. Text: James 4:10. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

Humility is not an American characteristic. According to the *San Francisco Post,* an assessor called at a suburban residence and asked the lady of the house to fill out her statement of assessable personal property. She was under the impression that the statement would be published in the daily papers so she put an excessive value on everything. When the assessor said the total is $4,950, she said you might make it an even $5,000. Her husband has been trying ever since to convince the official that his wife was playing a joke on him.

But humility is a Christian grace. St. Augustine said: "Should you ask me, What is the first thing in religion? I should reply, The first, second and third thing therein—nay all—is humility."

"Humility," said Owen Feltham, an essayist of the 17th century, "ever dwells with men of noble minds. It is a flower that prospers not in lean and barren soils, but in ground that is rich it flourishes and is beautiful."

Pride, which is the antithesis of humility, always ends in defeat.

Caesar, having conquered 800 cities, and dyed his garments with the blood of one million of his foes, was stabbed by his best friends in the very place

which had been the scene of his greatest triumph. Napoleon, after being the scourge of Europe, and the desolater of his own country, died in banishment, conquered and a captive.

On the other hand, humility is recognized by God and rewarded. "Make yourselves low in the eyes of the Lord, and you will be lifted up by him." (Basic English).

Abraham Lincoln was a humble man. He had a hearty contempt of the boasts of political candidates. On one occasion, when General Cass's friends were glorifying their nominee for his supposed services in the Independence War, he said: "Do you know, Mr. Speaker, that I am a military hero? In the days of the Black Hawk War I fought, bled and came away I was not at Stillman's defeat, but I was about as near it as General Cass was to Hull's surrender, and like him, I saw the place very soon afterwards. It is quite certain that I did not break my sword, but I bent my musket very badly on one occasion. If General Cass went in advance of me picking whortleberries, I guess I surpassed him in charges on the wild onions. If he saw any live fighting Indians, it was more than I did, but I had a good many bloody struggles with the mosquitoes, and although I never fainted from loss of blood, I can truly say I was often very hungry."

Alexander Pope was a humble man. Perhaps he carried it to an extreme. He wrote:

Happy the man, whose wish and care
A few paternal acres bound,
Content to breathe his native air
In his own ground.

Thus let me live, unseen, unknown
Thus unlamented let me die;
Steal from the world, and not a stone
Tell where I lie.

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May 11 (Mother's Day, Festival of the Christian Home).

Topic: The Golden Link—A Mother's Love.

Hymns: The Fathers Built This City. When on My Day of Life. O Blessed Day of Motherhood.

Lesson: John 19:19-30. Text: John 19:27. "Behold thy mother."

The solicitude of Jesus for his mother, as recorded in John 19, makes a suitable basis for our meditation on this Mother's Day.

Jesus was suffering unspeakable agony, both mental and physical, but he did not forget his mother or fail to provide for her future welfare.

"So when Jesus saw his mother and the disciple who was dear to him, he said to his mother, 'Mother, there is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'There is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her to his house."

Longfellow wrote: "Even he that died for us upon the cross, in the last hour, in the unutterable agony of death, was mindful of his mother, as if to teach us that this holy love should be our last worldly thought, — the last point of earth from which the soul should take its flight for heaven."

A mother's love is unique. In San Francisco, a woman who had been blind for sixty-two years, was operated on and her sight restored. Much of the literature dealing with blindness would lead one to believe that this woman

In the congested high speed traffic of today the use of beverage alcohol is a known hazard. The National Safety Council says that one out of every four fatal traffic accidents involves liquor—that means 8,000 people killed last year—scores of thousands of others injured and millions lost in property damage. All this costs money—money that insurance companies have to pay out in claims—money that policyholders have to first pay in premiums.

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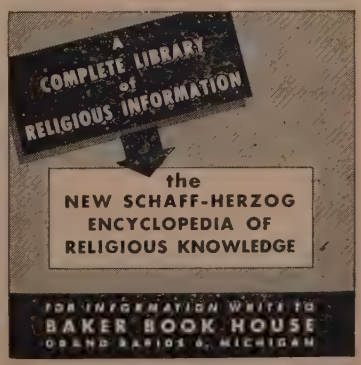

would first long to view the beauties of the material world—the beauty of earth and sky, of sunsets and mountains. But not so. When asked what she wanted to see, she said, "My boy, my great big boy."

A mother's love is permanent. Washington Irvin wrote: "A father may turn his back on his child, brothers and sisters may become inveterate enemies, husbands may desert their wives and wives their husbands. But a mother's love endures through all, in good repute, in bad repute, in the face of the world's condemnation, a mother still loves on, and still hopes that her child may turn from his evil ways and repent. Still she remembers the infant smiles that once filled her bosom with rapture, the merry laugh, the joyful shout of his childhood, the opening promise of his youth, and she can never be brought to think him all unworthy."

Traveling 1,500 miles to be present at the deathbed of her wayward son, a colored woman, ninety years old, visited the Ohio penitentiary and spent the afternoon beside the cot of her son who was slowly dying.

So today we honor our mothers. They never forget us, let us never forget them.

In a volume devoted to poems of painters, is to be found the first published poem of Sir Alfred East. It was written in Japan and was a memory recalled by the singing of a lark on the shores of a Japanese lake. He wrote:

A vision of home and my mother
Flashes out like a light in the dark,
As I hear on this sweet May morning,
In Japan the voice of the lark!

And the road and the wide green rice fields
And the gray-roofed cottages there,
Melt into an English meadow
And an English homestead fair;
I lie again 'mid the daisies,
Which bend in the soft-toned breeze
That wafts the scent of the rich ripe flowers
Through the branches of blooming trees.

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May 18 (Rural Life Sunday).

Topic: Are You a Christian?

Hymns: O God I Thank Thee for Each Sight. O God of Truth, Whose Living Word. Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow.

Lesson: John 15:11-27. Text: John 13:35. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Organic church union is a beautiful dream. But it is only a dream. As long as human nature remains what it is there will always be disunity.

This is especially true of our village and rural churches. It is generally recognized that there are far too many of them. It would be a miracle if the numerous groups could be brought into one organization.

After listening to an address by one of the chief proponents of Fundamentalism, I reached the conclusion that the union of the group with the more liberal groups would be an impossibility in this generation.

In Lincoln's early impressionable years the churches were torn by bitter sectarian rivalries. On one occasion two women were brought before a Primitive Baptist Church to answer charges, one for dancing and the other for joining the Campbellite Church. A friend of Lincoln's was excommunicated for joining a temperance society. No wonder he stayed outside the church.

But cooperation is possible and should be promoted. In 1944, Dr. Everett Moore Baker said in a sermon: "The refusal of the Universalist application in no way changes a relationship of friendly cooperation between the Universalist and Unitarian churches and member churches of the Federal Council. For many years both denominations have been represented on committees of the Federal Council concerned with life and work."

Tolerance is possible and should be practiced. Lincoln's principle, "With malice toward none," is still a worthy one.

In the days when Friends were accustomed to wear cocked hats turned up at the sides, one good Friend bought a hat of this description, without noticing it was looped up with a button. He sat one day in meeting when he noticed some looks of displeasure. Taking off his hat, he saw the reason for the looks, and then rose and said: "Friends, if religion consists in a button, I wouldn't give a button for it."

There was a broad catholicity about General Gordon's theology. He never doomed unbelievers or pagans to eternal misery. His religion was one of hope and goodwill for all mankind. He wrote: "To me it appears that the Mussulman worships God as well as I do, and is as acceptable, if sincere as any Christian." Again he wrote, "I like the Mussulman, he is not ashamed of his God, his life is a fairly pure one."

Are you a Christian? Are you cooperative and tolerant? That is the test.

These lines, written by Denis A. McCarthy, are just as applicable to the church as to the nation.

This is the land where hate should die—
Though dear to me my faith and shrine
I serve my country well when I
Respect beliefs that are not mine.
He little loves his land who'd cast
Upon his neighbor's word a doubt
Or cite the wrongs of ages past
From present rights to bar him out.

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May 25 (Memorial Sunday).

Topic: Wise Words.

Hymns: God of the Nations. My Country 'Tis of Thee. O Lord Our God, Thy Mighty Hand.

Lesson: Joshua 4:1-13. Text: Joshua 4:6. "What mean ye by these stones?"

In his Gettysburg address Lincoln said: "We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place of those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract."

In the spirit of Lincoln we celebrate Memorial Day and Decoration Day.

In addition to his immortal words at Gettysburg, Lincoln, on other occasions, uttered wise words which are timely today.

Lincoln said: "The resources, advantages and powers of the American people are very great, and they have consequently succeeded to equally great responsibilities. It seems to have devolved upon them to test whether a government established on the principles of human freedom can be maintained against an effort to build one upon the exclusive foundation of human bondage." That test is still in progress.

Lincoln said: "The patriotism of the people has placed at the disposal of the government the large means demanded by the public exigencies. . . . This fact imposes peculiar obligations to economy in disbursements and energy in action." A timely word in these days of unlimited expenditures.

Lincoln said: "There is indicated an earnest desire on the part of the whole people, without regard to political differences to save—not the country, because the country will save itself—but to save the institutions of the country." We are not agreed as to how this can be done, but we are unanimous in the opinion that it is essential.

Lincoln asked: "At what point shall we expect the approach of danger? By what means shall we fortify against it? Shall we expect some transatlantic military giant to step the ocean and crush us at a blow? Never. All the armies of Europe, Asia and Africa combined . . . could not by force take a drink from the Ohio, or make a track on the Blue Ridge in a trial of a thousand years." Confidence in our military strength is needed today.

Lincoln asked for law observance. He said: "Let every American, every lover of liberty, every well-wisher to his posterity swear by the blood of the Revolution never to violate in the least particular the laws of the country, and never to tolerate their violation by others. . . . Let every man remember that to violate the law is to trample on the blood of his father, and to tear the charter of his own and his children's liberty." Law observance is of more importance than many people think.

Clyde McGee wrote these lines at the grave of a friend:

Rest thou in peace!
No pain can touch thee more!
No storm beset thee sore.
Rest thou in peace!

O Death that humbles all our pride,
O Grave that makes us all one kin,
I bow in silence,
Trustingly;
And then,
A strange new sense of peace,
And intimations of lands afar.

We may well meditate upon these lines as we visit our cemeteries on Decoration Day.

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WHITSUNTIDE

June 1 (Whitsunday).

Topic: Witnesses for Christ.

Hymns: Our Blest Redeemer Ere He Breathed. Be Strong. We Are Not Here to Play. God's Trumpet Wakes the Slumbering World.

Lesson: John 16:1-15. Text: John 15:27. "And you too are witnesses."

Speaking of the Holy Spirit, Jesus said, "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—even the Spirit of true knowledge who comes from the Father—he will give

witness about me; and you, in addition, will give witness because you have been with me from the first." John 15:26, 27. (Basic English).

The Holy Spirit testifies of Jesus and we also are expected to bear testimony.

The early Christians followed that suggestion with alacrity and enthusiasm as the Book of Acts testifies.

In the early days of Christianity, in the foggy marshes and forests to the north of what is now Holland, lived the wandering tribes of Angles, Saxons and Jutes. Their ideas were primitive and elementary, but they had courage and hardihood.

They were the people who conquered Britain and held it. Their culture and their language were to develop into the English of today. They knew little of Christianity. They had in their language no words for the concepts of the Christian faith.

The story of how they were Christianized is a fascinating one. Gregory, in passing through the slave market, saw some of these blue-eyed, yellow-haired Nordics, and asked who they were. When told that they were Angles, he replied, "Not Angles but angels." After he was made pope, he sent out, in 597, Augustine to convert them.

The inconspicuous Christian can bear witness successfully. Dr. Torrey related this incident. "We had an infidel here, one of the brightest men in America, the editor of a newspaper. When Mr. Moody was preaching in a neighboring town he went to hear him out of pure curiosity, and he heard Mr. Moody preach.

"Although he was touched by what he heard, he was not convinced and was still an infidel. He approached Mr. Moody and said, 'I want to talk to you.' Moody turned him over to his wife, and said to Mrs. Moody, 'Here, Emma, sit down and talk to him and show him the way of life.' . . . She sat down beside this man, opened her Bible, and step by step, text by text, she drove the truth home, and when editor Brown went out of that church he was a child of God. He started a Christian newspaper on original lines—the *Ram's Horn.*"

This story is told of General Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army. One time he wanted to send a New Year's Greeting by telegram and cablegram to all the Salvation posts in the world. Cablegrams are expensive so he boiled his message down to a single word, "Others." Someone remarked that he chose the biggest word in the dictionary.

The Christian who keeps that word, "Others," ever in mind can be expected to bear constant witness.

Stanton Coit gives this invitation:

Come into the circle of Love and Justice,
Come into the Brotherhood of Pity, of Holiness and Health!
Come, and ye shall know Peace and Joy.
Let what ye desire of the universe penetrate you,
Let loving kindness and mercy pass through you,
And truth be the law of your lips.
For so ye are channels of the divine sea,
Which may not flood the earth but only steal in
Through rifts in your souls.

June 8 (Children's Day).

Topic: Feeding the Lambs.

Hymns: With Happy Voices Ringing. Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us. Father in Heaven, Who Lovest All.

Lesson: John 21:15-25. Text: John 21:15. "Feed my lambs."

The incident recorded in the closing chapter of John's gospel contains a sentence of peculiar interest on Children's Day.

"Then after breakfast Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than the others do?' 'Why, Lord,' he said, 'you know how I love you.' 'Then feed my lambs, said Jesus.'" (Moffatt).

"Feed my lambs." This is primarily the function of parents. They should provide food for the bodies, food for the minds and food for the souls of their children.

But the church has a duty to perform also. Its function is to provide spiritual food.

The church has not always been interested in feeding the lambs. Dr. Horace Bushnell, a pioneer in religious education, said: "It would be most remarkable if Christianity, organizing a fold of grace and love, in the world and for it, had yet no place in the fold for children. . . . Is this Christianity? Is it a preparation so clumsy, so little human, so imperfectly graduated to man as he is, that it has no place for a full sixth part of the human race—a part also to which the other five-sixths are bound in the dearest tie of love and care?"

A Scotch elder, who was deeply concerned because his pastor persistently refused to allow children to be admitted to church fellowship, invited him to his house. After tea the elder took the pastor out to see his large flock of sheep put into the fold. The elder allowed the sheep to enter, but as the lambs came up, he pushed them back with a heavy stick. The pastor became very indignant, and said, "What are you doing to the lambs? They need the shelter far more than the sheep." "Just what you are doing to the children of the church," was the prompt reply. The object lesson did its work. Never again did the pastor attempt to shut from the fold one of Christ's little ones.

A man was once walking over the farm of his friend. He observed the splendid sheep. He asked why they were so fine. The reply was, "I take care of my lambs."

An anonymous writer made this shrewd remark: "Someone says that boys will be boys, but he forgot to add, boys will be men."

The importance of religious training as a preparation for adult life, was pointed out by Evangelist Billy Sunday. He said: "The only way on God's earth you will ever solve the problem of reaching the masses is by getting hold of the children. You get boys and girls started right and the devil will hang crepe on his door."

Georgia Harkness wrote:

Again, O God, I give Thee thanks for these:
For friends who understand,
For useful work, and laughter lightening toil,
For comradeship with youth, alive to know and do,
For mellowed age,

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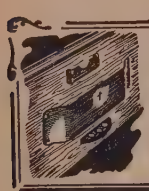

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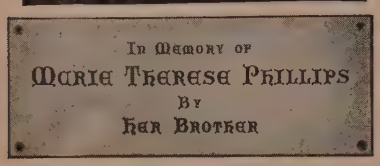

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June 15.

Topic: "Actions Speak Louder Than Words."

Hymns: Awake My Soul. Dear Lord, Who Sought at Dawn of Day. My Dear Redeemer and My Lord.

Lesson: Titus 2. Text: Titus 2:7. "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works."

In the third chapter of his Letter to Titus, Paul insisted on three things—obedience to rulers, honest occupations and no controversy.

The emphasis seems to be on good works. The New Testament puts much emphasis on the setting of a good example. John 13:15; II Thessalonians 3:9; I Timothy 4:12; Hebrews 11:4.

Secular writers also insist that a good example is more effective than words. "There is a transcendent power in example," wrote Madame Swetchine, the Russian mystic, "we reform others unconsciously when we walk uprightly."

And Seneca, the Roman stoic, said: "Men trust rather to their eyes than to their ears. The effect of precepts is, therefore, slow and tedious, while that of examples is summary and effectual."

Parental example is of major importance. An anonymous writer says: "In early life I had nearly been betrayed into the principles of infidelity, but there was one argument in favor of Christianity that I could not refute, and that was the consistent character and example of my own father."

It is easier to preach than to practice. Shakespeare wrote: "It is a good diviner who follows his own instructions. I can easier teach twenty men what were good to be done than to be one of twenty to follow mine own teaching."

One who loves and lives in the spirit of Jesus is sure to set a worthy example. And it will be effective.

A missionary relates this incident: "A young woman came as an in-patient to one of our hospitals in Persia. She had been brought up in a very bigoted home, and was greatly prejudiced against Christians and their teaching. She was entirely unresponsive to the attempts of the mission workers to bring her a spiritual message, and actually put her fingers into her ears that she might not hear the gospel when it was read in the hospital ward.

"Her illness was a long one and her attitude gradually changed. At last she announced her faith in the Lord Jesus as her Saviour and wished to be baptized.

"When questioned as to the remarkable change which had come over her, she replied, 'I would not listen to your teaching when I first came into the hospital for I thought that Christian teaching was blasphemous. But as I lay in bed, day by day, I could not help noticing that the lady doctor and the nurses seemed to be full of sympathy and love. They were not irritable or ill-tempered. They went about attending to wounds and sores which no Moslem woman would have touched even for her nearest and dearest. I wondered what made these women so different from any I had ever seen. I found out the secret of the difference. I realized that you had Jesus in your religion and we had no Jesus in ours.'"

Let us take the advice of Allen Eastman Cross. He wrote:

Pass on the torch, pass on the flame;
Remember whence the Glory came.
And eyes are on you as you run,
Beyond the shining of the sun!

Lord Christ, we take the torch from thee;
We must be true, we will be free;
With clean of heart and strong of soul,
To bear the Glory to its goal.

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June 22.

Topic: Judging Others.

Hymns: Thou Grace Divine, Encircling All. Father, I Know That All My Life. God of the Strong, God of the Weak.

Lesson: John 7:14-31. Text: John 7:24. "Judge not according to the appearance."

Jesus was teaching in the temple. The Jews marvelled saying, "How knowest this man letters never having learned?" They solved their problem by charging him with having a demon. Jesus' reply was, "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment."

We are quite apt to judge people by appearance. This often leads us to false conclusions. If we knew all the facts our conclusions would be entirely different.

Amid all who, fascinated by his genius, eagerly sought his society, Chopin dwelt alone. "The intense fineness and ardour of his imagination," says W. R. Alger, "the violence of his feelings, his sickly and irritable constitution, his exiled lot, his secretive pride, his subtle originality of mind and sentiment, the lofty earnestness of his aims, and his fastidious purity, made his experience one of bitter contrasts, unhappy and lonely. Sheathed in manners of kind and tranquil courtesy, which covered his convulsive soul as slopes of verdure and vine cover a volcano, he moved among men separate from them, reading the secrets of all, never baring his own."

Again, we are apt to be influenced in our judgments by the opinions of others.

Dr. Neibuhr said: "While I am ready to adopt any well-grounded opinion, my inmost heart revolts against receiving the judgments of other respecting persons, and whenever I have done so, I have bitterly repented of it."

Adelaide Proctor wrote:

Judge not: the workings of his brain
And of his heart thou canst not see;
What looks to thy dim eyes a stain,
In God's pure light may only be
A scar, brought from some well fought field
Where thou wouldst only faint and yield.

The look, the air that frets thy sight
May be a token, that below
The soul has closed in deadly fight
With some infernal fiery foe.
Whose glance would scorch thy smiling grace,
And cast thee shuddering on thy face!

The fall thou darest to despise—

May be the angel's slackening hand,
Has suffered it, that he may rise
And take a firmer, surer stand;
Or, trusting less to earthly things,
May henceforth learn to use his wings.

And judge none lost, but wait and see,
With hopeful pity, not disdain;
The depth of the abyss may be
The measure of the height and pain
And love and glory that may raise
His soul to God in after days!

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June 29 (Nature Sunday).

Topic: The Great Outdoors.

Hymns: For the Beauty of the Earth. O Beautiful for Spacious Skies. O Maker of the Sea and Sky.

Lesson: Psalm 8. Text: Ecclesiastes 3:11. "He hath made all things beautiful in his time."

People have an innate love of the outdoors. This is especially true of city dwellers.

An anonymous poet puts it this way:

The city man worked hard all day
In hope of future joy,
He dreamed about the rustic way
He trod when but a boy.
"Sometime," he said, "I'll take my ease
Among the flowers and the trees,
And leave the garish lights that blind
The weary townsman far behind."

Why is this? The Preacher gave the reason in these words, "He hath made all things beautiful in his time."

Dr. David Swing, the popular Chicago preacher of a generation ago, said: "If you move away from the city and town and home and pass into the wild country, you have simply escaped from the decorations of man to fall into the richer enchantment of God. For lo, his fields are carpeted with grass, his green foliage blossoms not only reveal odors, but send forth a perfume; his dewdrops sparkle like diamonds; his lily stems are graceful; his vines are festoons; his trees make Gothic arches with their branches; the winds make a music in this grove-temple; the birds are its choir. Thus, from the fact of beauty there is no escape, when the heart and mind are not broken by sin or calamity. Go where man may, and by day and by night, he is in the immediate presence of the beautiful."

"Read nature," wrote Edward Young, "nature is a friend to truth, nature is Christian, preaches to mankind, and bids dead matter aid us in our creed."

Nature teaches the majesty of God. "The heavens proclaim God's splendour, the sky speaks of his handiwork." Psalm 19:1. (Moffatt).

"There is a signature of wisdom and power impressed on the works of God," wrote John Newton, "which evidently distinguishes them from the feeble imitations of men. Not only the splendor of the sun, but the glimmering light of the glow-worm, proclaim his glory."

Nature teaches the goodness of God. "Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!" Psalm 31:19.

"A man finds in the productions of nature an inexhaustible stock of material on which he can employ himself without any temptations to envy or malevolence, and has always a certain prospect of discovering new reasons for adoring the sovereign Author of the universe" So wrote Dr. Johnson.

So let us accept the invitation of Shakespeare:

Under the greenwood tree
Who loves to lie with me
And turn his merry note
Unto the sweet bird's throat
Come hither! come hither, come hither!
Here shall he see
No enemy
But winter and rough weather.

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HANDBOOK OF DEDICATIONS

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PEOPLE: We dedicate the chimes and the plaque.

MINISTER: Now, praying that thou will comfort those who mourn, bless those who seek to serve and lift all who call upon Thee;

PEOPLE: We dedicate the chimes and the plaque.

LET US PRAY: Silent prayer;

CHIMES: "Abide With Me."

Dedication of an Organ*

THE OPENING SENTENCE:

O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth. Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; show forth His salvation from day to day.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE:

(Sung A Cappella)

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.
Tune: "Old Hundred"

THE SALUTATION:

The Lord be with you.

AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

Let us pray:

THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 98.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE ORGAN:

By the chairman of the Music Committee.

THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ORGAN:

By the minister for the congregation.

The Office for the Dedication of the Organ

ORGAN SOLO:

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THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

ORGAN RESPONSE:

"The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte.

THE DEDICATION:

Praise ye the Lord.

PRAISE GOD IN HIS SANCTUARY.

Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

PRAISE HIM WITH STRINGED INSTRUMENTS AND ORGANS.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

PRAISE YE THE LORD.

Thou who hast made music a part of the universe, and hath put the song in the soul of man,

ACCEPT OUR THANKS, O GOD.

We present unto Thee and Thy church this organ, a gift of our hearts to be forever a praise and a glory to Thy great Name.

CONSECRATE OUR GIFT, O GOD.

That holiness may be added to the art of man, and that Thy Spirit may move in every melody,

TO THEE WE DEDICATE THIS ORGAN, O LORD.

That holy music may fill the air, that our hearts may rejoice with sacred song, that our spirits may be lifted out of a troubled world into the presence of Thy peace until our souls catch the higher melody, even the heavenly,

TO THEE WE DEDICATE THIS ORGAN, O LORD.

O Saviour of the world, hear Thou this our prayer.

O, LET US MAGNIFY THE LORD TOGETHER.

HYMN: "Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing."

THE DECLARATION OF DEDICATION:

This organ is now dedicated to the glory of God, and through its sacred ministry of music may His Name be forever praised.

ANTHEM: "Seek Ye the Lord" by Roberts.

THE OFFERTORY:

THE DEDICATORY ADDRESS: "The Ministry of Music."

ORGAN SOLO:

ANTHEM: "Hark, Hark, My Soul" by Schelley.

HYMN: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

THE BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE:

POSTLUDE: "Now the Day Is Over" by Joseph Barnby.

*As used in the Reformed Church, Middleburgh, New York. William R. Buitendorp, minister.

The Dedication of a Church*

MINISTER: To the Glory of God, our Father, by whose favor we have built this house; to the honor of Jesus Christ, Thy son, our Saviour; and for the advancement of His Kingdom among men; to the praise of Thy Holy Spirit, God with us, our guide to the truth;

PEOPLE: We dedicate this House.

MINISTER: In recognition of the Bible School as a vital and integral part of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that the Church is responsible for the instruction of the young in the teachings and duties of the Gospel;

PEOPLE: We dedicate this House.

MINISTER: For young men and maidens, for their advancement in fellowship and service, for recreation of body and the clean enjoyment of life;

PEOPLE: We dedicate this House.

MINISTER: For young and old; for the hallowing of family life; for the cultivation of a truly Christian life in this Church; for music, laughter, goodwill and fellowship; for the promotion of Community spirit; for help to right thinking and true living;

PEOPLE: We dedicate this House.

MINISTER: For the enlightenment of the mind, for the education of the conscience, for the salvation of the soul, for the perfecting of the whole being, body, mind, and soul;

PEOPLE: We dedicate this House.

MINISTER: In the unity of the faith; in the bond of Christian brotherhood; in love and goodwill to all;

PEOPLE: We dedicate this House.

MINISTER: In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve this Church; in the loving remembrance of those who have finished their course; in the hope of a blessed immortality through Jesus Christ our Lord;

PEOPLE: We dedicate this House.

UNISON: Now, therefore, we humbly beseech Thee accept the offering which we bring Thee this day. As a tribute of love and gratitude, an offering of thanksgiving and praise, we the members of this Church and congregation now dedicate this entire House of Prayer. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

MINISTER: For the work of evangelizing and Christianizing the world, and to the end that peace may come to all mankind that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as in Heaven;

PEOPLE: We dedicate this House.

The Prayer of Dedication: Minister.

*As used by the Smyrna Christian Church, Bruington, Virginia. Edwin Wyle, minister.

Dedication of a Women's Parlor*

(The Sunset Room)

Good women, according to Scripture and personal observation, have contributed vastly to the spiritualizing of human relations and to the promotion of the Christian cause throughout the world. In matters pertaining to the Kingdom of God "the matron and the maid" have much to their credit.

Ruth, Esther, Miriam, Mary, Anna, Elizabeth, Dorcas and Lydia are scriptural heroines whose acquaintance enriches our lives. As this "Sunset Room" fulfills the purpose of those who plan-

*As used in the Community Presbyterian Church, Parkdale, Oregon. James M. Brown, minister.

ned it these names with their hallowed origins will assume contemporary meaning as they come to signify the gracious, friendly, helpful fellowship of the women's groups of this church. Here new and greater traditions will be created as those enjoying its hospitality study, work, pray, play and plan together and form friendships as enduring as the mountain-top.

This room will also serve as a hallowed memorial, reminding the groups meeting here of the toils and triumphs of those who have shared in the work of the women's department. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

The Act of Dedication

MINISTER: To the recognition of the service rendered by the women of the church in the promotion of all Christian interests,

CONGREGATION: WE DEDICATE THIS ROOM.

MINISTER: To the creation of a homelike church, the building of a spiritual family of God in which women will find inspiration and guidance for more effective service,

CONGREGATION: WE DEDICATE THIS ROOM.

MINISTER: To the moral strengthening of the community's life in every phase of its being, in the home, the church, the school, in business and in all social relationships,

CONGREGATION: WE DEDICATE THIS ROOM.

MINISTER: To the advancement of our part in the total program of the church, local and world-wide, that it may more effectively and fruitfully sponsor and maintain those causes which have to do with Christian education, philanthropy, temperance, economic justice, national probity and honor, and international goodwill,

CONGREGATION: WE DEDICATE THIS ROOM.

MINISTER AND CONGREGATION: Being prospered by the good hand of God whose service is our joy, we have fitted and furnished this room for the use of the women's departments, naming it "The Sunset Room" and now dedicating it in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayer of Dedication.

Dedication of Choir Vestments*

Dearly beloved, inasmuch as new vestments have been purchased for the choir of this church, it is fitting that we pause and dedicate them to the glory of Almighty God, and to pray that he will bless us in the future use of them. May his smile of approval be upon us now and evermore.

*Arranged by C. R. Bright, Methodist Church, Phillippi, West Virginia. Taken from July, 1943, issue of "Church Management."

MINISTER: That those who worship here shall through the ministry of music, learn of Thy great love and commit their lives unto Thee.

CONGREGATION: We earnestly and fervently pray to Thee, O Lord of Hosts.

MINISTER: That as we come before Thee with songs of praise, Thou wilt abundantly bless.

CONGREGATION: We earnestly pray to Thee, O Lord, our Rock and our Hope.

MINISTER: That all who worship here shall be inspired, comforted, and realize Thy Presence through the ministry of sacred music.

CONGREGATION: We humbly pray and beseech Thee, O Lord, Our God.

MINISTER: That we shall not forget those whose labors of yesterday bless us today.

CONGREGATION: May we never forget these, Lord of Heaven and of earth.

MINISTER: That we recognize and appreciate these who give a ministry of labor and love in our midst today.

CONGREGATION: We are grateful to Thee for these, O Lord, and beseech Thee to give unto them a blessing.

MINISTER: That by proper use of these vestments this church shall increase in power, praise and in lofty purpose to promote Thy Kingdom in this world.

CONGREGATION: We consecrate these vestments to the development of Thy kingdom, O Lord.

MINISTER: That as we behold these vestments in days to come, the love for the church — our spiritual mother — shall be quickened, and new loyalty pledged unto her.

CONGREGATION: We dedicate these vestments to this high and holy purpose, O Lord, our God.

MINISTER: That the gospel shall come to us by sacred melody, as well as by the preached word.

CONGREGATION: We dedicate these vestments unto Thee, O Lord, our Saviour and Friend.

UNISON PRAYER: O Thou God of beauty and order, we pray that Thou will accept this the work of our hands which we now bring to Thee. May no careless word or act ever detract from the holy purpose to which we have dedicated these vestments. Be thou always with those who shall wear these, and through their ministry bless Thou this church, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MINISTER: As minister of this church, I hereby dedicate these choir vestments to the glory of Almighty God, and to the promotion of his kingdom. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Handbook of Dedications

(From page 109)

Dedication of a Sound Projector*

LEADER: That we might increase our knowledge of our Lord and his ministry and to know the true meaning of discipleship,

PEOPLE: We dedicate this sound projector.

LEADER: That we might come to a better understanding of the world and its peoples and lay the foundations for Peace,

PEOPLE: We dedicate this sound projector.

LEADER: That we might become aware of the beauties of God's world which we are unable to visit,

PEOPLE: We dedicate this sound projector.

LEADER: That we might come to a better understanding of the total missionary program of our church and be more willing to give,

PEOPLE: We dedicate this sound projector.

LEADER: That we might come to know the truths by which men shall be free,

PEOPLE: We dedicate this sound projector.

LEADER: That we might enhance the spirit of fellowship by the use of this equipment in the social life of the church,

PEOPLE: We dedicate this sound projector.

LEADER: That through the directed use of this equipment we may be led to a better vision of the lives we can live and the world that can be.

PEOPLE: We dedicate this equipment to the glory of God and the ministry of our church.

Dedication Prayer

Almighty God, we pray for Thy guidance in the use of this equipment that through our lives consecrated to Thy Kingdom's cause it shall serve Thee and the people. May we be endowed with new power of righteousness in its use. May we come to a better understanding of Thy Work, of our Lord and His Ministry to a needy world; of Thy world and Thy people everywhere. May we be knit closer together in fellowship as we dedicate this equipment to Thy glory and honor. Amen.

DUET: "Open Our Eyes."

*As used in Trinity United Church, North Bay, Ontario, Canada.

Dedication of Memorial Chimes*

The Dedication of Tower Chimes

MINISTER: It is fitting that we should here voice, in so far as feeble words can do so, our sincere gratitude for the gifts that have been received—so many have had fellowship in making it possible for us to dedicate the Chimes today, free of debt.

Music has ever been the handmaid of religion. The psalmists called on Israel of old to praise their God. An angel choir sang the announcement of the Saviour's birth, and the early Christians were exhorted to conduct their worship with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, making melody in their hearts unto the Lord.

As we solemnly dedicate these chimes to the glory of God, it is with prayer that whosoever shall be called by their sound to the house of God may enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.

PEOPLE: Praise ye the Lord, praise him in His sanctuary.

MINISTER: May those who are careless of the voice of God which speaks to all men alike, hearing the sound of these chimes with their outward ears, music of Celestial beauty, expressing sympathy, consolation and understanding, be aroused inwardly in their spirit, and draw nigh unto the God of their salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PEOPLE: Show us Thy mercy Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

MINISTER: May those who are suffering from any sickness or from any other necessity whereby they cannot appear in His courts, hear the sound of these chimes and have comforting and peaceful thoughts of God.

PEOPLE: The Lord hath comforted His people, and will have mercy upon His afflicted.

MINISTER: May all, they for whose passing from this world these chimes shall sound, be received into the everlasting habitations, and find rest and peace with their Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, to whom shall we go, thou hast the words of eternal life. May this community be stirred as never before, and may many heed their call to worship.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*As arranged by C. E. Kleckner, West Des Moines, Iowa.

Prayer of Dedication at Interfaith Chapel*

O God, our gracious Heavenly Father, Thou whose ways of dealing with Thy children are truly marvelous and wonderful, we pause in reverence and humility as we lift up our hearts to Thee on this unique occasion. With grateful hearts we acknowledge Thy goodness and loving kindness in all Thy dealings with us even when Thy thoughts are not our thoughts and Thy ways not our ways.

Thy goodness hath again showed itself in that Thou didst move the hearts of Thy people to establish this Temple, and didst give them the means and the strength to complete this task, as a lasting memorial to those four chaplains who gave their last full measure of devotion and who though dead yet speak forcefully to us today by their example and devotion. Thou hast favored the labors which have made this memorial a dwelling place for Thine honor and a house of prayer for all Thy sons and daughters. As we thank Thee for these blessings, we dedicate this shrine to Thee and pray Thee accept it as Thine own. Visit it with Thy continued presence and bless it evermore.

In these days when Thy children have largely forgotten that Thou didst create all and art the Father of all mankind, grant that this memorial may serve as a shining symbol of the eternal brotherhood of all mankind and that thereby this nation may be strengthened and blessed. May its open doors forever be the invitation to all who are weary and distressed to come in and learn to know Thee as their Father and their fellow man as their brother.

Through the Psalmist Thou hast told us, "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity." Use this temple which we now dedicate to Thee that for all who come here and for our nation Thou wouldst shed Thy grace upon them and crown their "good with brotherhood from sea to shining seas."

Hear our humble prayer, O God, and accept this temple as Thine own. Crown its activities with Thy blessings as a perpetual memorial to those in whose memory it is dedicated. In our Redeemer's Name we pray. Amen.

*Text of the Prayer of Dedication delivered by the Chief of Army Chaplains (Major General) Roy H. Parker at the dedication of the Interfaith Chapel in the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia.

The Interfaith Chapel was built by contributions from the public as a memorial to the four Army chaplains who gave away their life preservers and perished during the sinking of the troopship SS Dorchester, February 3, 1943. The chaplains—John P. Washington, Roman Catholic; Alexander D. Goode, Jewish, and George L. Fox and Clark V. Poling, Protestants—were each awarded the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously.

The Dedication of Infants*

Parental Covenant

MINISTER: In presenting your children for dedication to God, do you acknowledge your duty to see that they be taught, as soon as they are able to learn, the meaning and the purpose of the Christian life, and do you promise, God being your Helper, so to guide them, both by precept and example, and by the word of God, that they may later, of their own free choice, accept Christ as their Saviour and dedicate themselves to God and the service of mankind?

*As used in the First Baptist Church, Factoryville, Pennsylvania. Edward E. Chipman, minister.

PARENTS: "We do."

Address to Congregation

MINISTER: Will you, members of this church and community, rise and join your hearts and voices in acknowledgment of obligation.

CONGREGATION AND MINISTER: Standing in this house, with its sacred memories of the worship of the Most High God through the years that are past, and recalling in this moment our vows, under Christ, to fulfill God's will in the world, we declare herewith, our clear recognition of the value and importance of the life of every little child, and we recognize our high and enduring obligation so to live, so to labor, and so to influence the conduct of others, that the rich promise of the life of these children and other children may be assured of fulfillment, and saved from blight.

PRAYER OF ACCEPTANCE: The Minister.

ACT OF DEDICATION: Presentation of Gifts, and Blessing.

Dedication of a Memorial Communion Set*

PASTOR: To the memory of our departed friend, a loyal servant of God, Bessie C. Spade . . .

PEOPLE: WE DEDICATE THESE COMMUNION VESSELS.

PASTOR: That those who from these vessels partake of the Lord's Supper might have a genuine experience of faith, love, and repentance . . .

PEOPLE: WE DEDICATE THESE COMMUNION VESSELS.

PASTOR: That those who receive the Holy Sacrament from these vessels might have a true sense of the forgiveness of their sins, and of the blessing of God upon their lives . . .

PEOPLE: WE DEDICATE THESE COMMUNION VESSELS.

PASTOR: To the Glory of God, and of His Son, Our Lord and Saviour . . .

PEOPLE: WE DEDICATE THIS COMMUNION SET.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (In Unison).

Almighty God, Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we acknowledge thee as the giver of all that is good.

Accept this day, we pray thee, our offering of this Memorial Communion Set. May it be a means by which many shall come into a deeper and more vital fellowship with thee.

Our prayer is that thou wilt bless it and use it for thy glory; and that through it we might more fully appreciate and experience within ourselves the passion of our Saviour.

We thank Thee for the one who has honored thee and Thy House through the presentation of this memorial gift. We give thanks for the memory of the one whose Christian spirit and example has made her altogether deserving of this honor we ascribe to her.

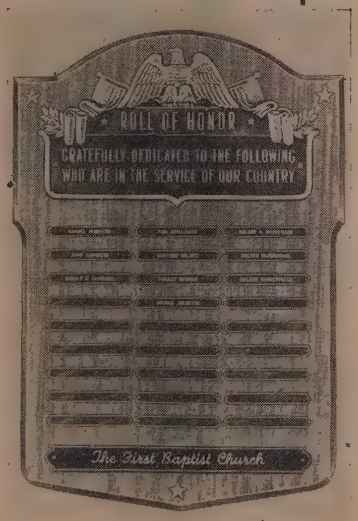
Help us to make and keep beautiful this Thy House, and to cleanse and keep clean the temples of our spirits.

Inspire thou our hearts with noble thoughts and desires. Prompt us to enter the House of Prayer, and to approach the Table of the Lord in a right spirit.

Through our use of the vessels we here and now dedicate to Thee may we and those who come after us be spiritually and permanently built up in the life of faith and holiness, to the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*As used in the Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church, Mifflin, Pennsylvania. C. L. Leber, minister.

New Roll of Honor Plaque



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Religion in the British Isles

by Albert D. Belden

The Churches and Peace

Never in forty years' experience have I known so powerful and widespread an interest on the part of the British churches in the problem of preventing a world war, as there is today. The religious public is becoming too well-informed to yield any longer a sheepish acceptance of propaganda, Governmental or otherwise. One result of this change of climate—not its cause I am sorry to say—is a bolder note of challenge as to the morality of modern war, in many pulpits of all denominations.

On Sunday last a Peace Procession of some 2,000 demonstrators marched from Hyde Park to Charing Cross through streets lined with crowds of sympathetic spectators and in it marched a contingent of fifty Christian Church members led by a group of clergy. Yet no report or picture of this event appeared in the daily press. Peace is not receiving fair treatment in the press. Pastor Niemoller's sharp public denial at a great meeting in London of the constantly repeated charge that Eastern Germany is being placed on a war-footing was utterly ignored by the newspapers and received little attention in the religious press.

A wide gulf is beginning to yawn between religious leaders and the Christian public and the daily press and its readers, on this issue.

Memorable May Meetings

In the light of the foregoing judgment I am glad to be able to report that the Congregational Union of England and Wales at its recent May Assembly took a big step forward. This Assembly was perhaps the best in the history of the Union and its new secretary, to whom much of the credit is due, Dr. Leslie E. Cooke, is to be congratulated. The Assembly of 3,000 delegates and observers crowding the famous Westminster Chapel, had three high spots particularly: 1) A great International Meeting at which the speakers were Dr. Douglas Horton, the secretary of the American Congregational body; Mr. C. L. Stuart, B.A., colored principal of our Clarendon College, Jamaica, and Dr. Sidney Berry. 2.) A memorable United Service of Fellowship of Congregationalists and Presbyterians at which a solemn covenant of cooperation between the two bodies was read. 3.) But specially the unanimous passing of the following resolutions on the world crisis. The fact that these resolutions moved by a representative of the General Purposes Committee were seconded, in a fine speech, by Claud Coltman, M.A., B.D., minister of the famous Kings Weigh House Church, chairman of the Congregational Pacifist Crusade, is a clear indication of the change of feeling I indicated above. Here are the resolutions (ignored by the British press):

That this Assembly of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, representing 3,000 churches:

1. Notes with approval the efforts which His Majesty's Government has made to the cause of international peace in keeping grave, public international issues open for debate in the Assembly of the United Nations.

2. Assures His Majesty's Government of its support for a policy which will:

(a) Seek to establish permanent economic and political freedom and justice in the backward countries of the world.

(b) Work towards the formation of a code of international law binding upon all nations.

(c) Press constantly for freedom of contact between members of different nations, and for mutual assistance between the nations.

(d) Make abundantly clear that, though it participates in "police" action by UN in Korea, His Majesty's Government will not support either the setting up of a reactionary government in South Korea, or the abolition of such genuine reforms as may have been established in North Korea.

(e) Support the establishment of a Commission by UN to examine what are the theoretical, psychological and practical difficulties in the way of reconciling freedom and justice in society and what steps can be taken to overcome them.

(f) Provide for the appointment by UN of independent observers in "danger" areas of international tension, and in places where international tension is likely to arise.

(g) Will work for the international control and prohibition of all instruments of warfare made possible by nuclear fission and by bacteriological, chemical and other scientific research, conjointly with a programme of real world disarmament.

It further asks His Majesty's Government to continue to accord full rights of conscience to conscientious objectors and especially to be vigilant lest the new regulations affecting the "call-up" of "Z" class men invade the hitherto legitimate liberty of the subject.

3. Requests the Life and Work Department to set up the strongest possible commission, representative of both pacifists and non-pacifists, to examine the relationship of the Christian Gospel to the use of force, and to report, if possible, to the Assembly of 1952.

4. Directs that copies of this statement and these Resolutions be sent to His Majesty's Government, World Council of Churches, British Council of Churches, and the Free Church Federal Council.

Correspondingly bold and strong resolutions were passed upon Housing and Gambling.

The Primate of England

From an excellent profile of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the British Weekly I take the following:

"The problems confronting the Anglicans are many, but Dr. Fisher says that 'the stresses within the Church of England, so far as they are due to tensions between divine truths imperfectly integrated by men, are signs of truthfulness and health.'

"This statement indicates one of the main traits of the Archbishop. Despite the Dean of Canterbury, the Bishop of Birmingham, the Ritualists, the problems of the underpaid clergy, and much else, Dr. Fisher remains persistently cheerful.

"Dr. Fisher is not one of these daunting world burden-bearers who announce that they have done a full day's work before nine o'clock in the morning. He breakfasts at a normal hour and attends matins at nine in a small chapel. His forenoons are spent in answering his huge correspondence—he has three resident chaplains and five private secretaries—and in seeing numerous callers. Though his tact is superb, he can be plain spoken as his secretaries know and some of his visitors have discovered.

"The Archbishop has little recreation. He seldom goes to bed the day he arises. He has little interest in the usual social pleasures and his regular recreation is mostly limited to reading 'whodunits.' He makes excellent after-dinner speeches."

United Church Festival Rally in Hyde Park

One of the major contributions of the churches to the Festival of Britain was a United Rally held last Saturday afternoon in the cockpit at Hyde Park. Half an hour before the service began the first of four processions of church members and youth organizations came into view and the others soon appeared from other directions.

Quickly, the cockpit was filled with some 6,000 people, at least a quarter of them in the uniform of the various youth organizations. In front of the platform there were the massed Salvation Army bands to lead the singing,

while behind it in a great semi-circle stood choirs in their robes, and at the rear of them all the colours and banners of many of the organizations that had participated.

Opening the rally the Archbishop of Canterbury, referring to the hymn we were soon to sing, said that while we were not yet truly one body, or not divided, we were certainly one in hope and in charity, and one in our loyalty to the Christian way of life. In our country the history of the Church during the last 400 years had been one of division: in returning to the true doctrines of the holy scriptures the Church of England had itself divided from the Roman Church, while at the same time there had been the division from them of the Presbyterian Church and other bodies. Yet all had made their contribution to the history of England, and we could rejoice with St. Paul, that though some might even preach Christ out of envy, yet notwithstanding, Christ was preached!

Out of our divisions we had learned religious toleration, and from what we had given to the world the precious gift of freedom and religion and of conscience.

The other speaker was Dr. Donald O. Soper — the renowned Methodist Pacifist, who recently shook the public by a declaration that if compelled to choose he would rather see Britain overrun by Russia than see a third world war. He said among other excellent things:

"We were united in our belief that our faith was relevant to the world in which we live, with all its problems. We were fundamentally agreed as to the reality of the spiritual world. This world is God's world; it is we who live in it that are not good enough. The old social machine had been made to work on the crude oil of selfishness and self-interest, and no doubt in many ways it had worked quite well. But today we had made a new machine in society, and it was far more delicate, for it could only work on the refined spirit of sacrifice and moral responsibility. We could only learn of these things in the school of Jesus Christ, and neither Marx nor Soviet Russia could build up this sort of character."

Harold Moody Memorial

Few men made a deeper impression upon London in the last thirty years than Dr. Harold Moody, a native of Jamaica who became a "Beloved Physician" to a large practice and was a leading Congregational Church officer, and a recent chairman of the London Missionary Society. The Christian World makes the following reference:

Towards the end of last year, it will be recalled, a 500 guineas fund was launched to establish memorials to the late Dr. Harold Moody, founder of the League of Colored Peoples and for many years an outstanding figure in British Nonconformity. It was proposed (a) to acquire the fine bronze bust of him by his sculptor brother, Mr. Ronald Moody, to be placed in the headquarters of the London Missionary Society, with which Dr. Moody was so long associated; and (b) to establish a prize fund for colored students coming here from the West Indies and Africa.

The appeal had powerful support, the signatories including Viscount Hall, Lord Ammon, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, Mr. James Griffiths (the present Colonial Secretary), Dr. Sidney Berry, and Dr. A. M. Chirgwin.

Notwithstanding the promising send-off, the result has been disappointing, for up to date only a little more than £70 has been received. The officials of the fund believe that many people who are in hearty agreement with its purpose, and have in some cases sent donations, had thought that the response would be so widespread and considerable as to ensure its success without question—otherwise considerably larger individual sums would have been forthcoming. The officials feel, however, that it is necessary only to point out such facts in order to ensure a new and considerably extended volume of support. The chairman of the Fund is David A. Vaughan, Dr. Moody's biographer, and minister of the Camberwell Green Congregational Church, and the secretary is Mr. George A. Greenwood, of 32, Gordon Mansions, Torrington - ploce, W.C.1. who will be glad to receive and duly acknowledge any further gifts.

Princess Pocahontas

How many of my readers find that name familiar?

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By her action in saving the life of Captain John Smith the Princess claimed tolerance for, not only Captain Smith, but all other colonists in the New World. Therefore the descendants of these early pioneers have cause to be grateful to her. In the words inscribed on her Memorial Stone in St. George's: ". . . gentle and humane, she was the friend of the earliest struggling English colonists whom she nobly rescued, protected and helped."

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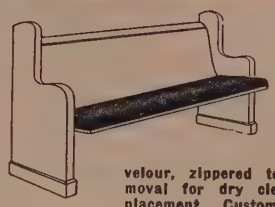

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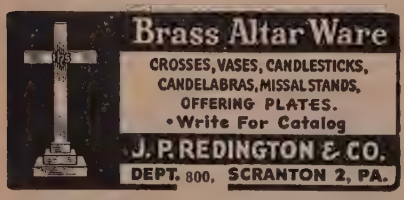

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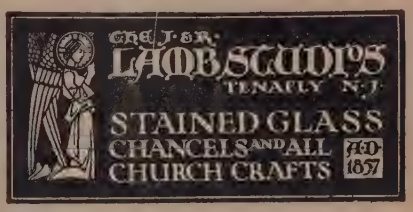

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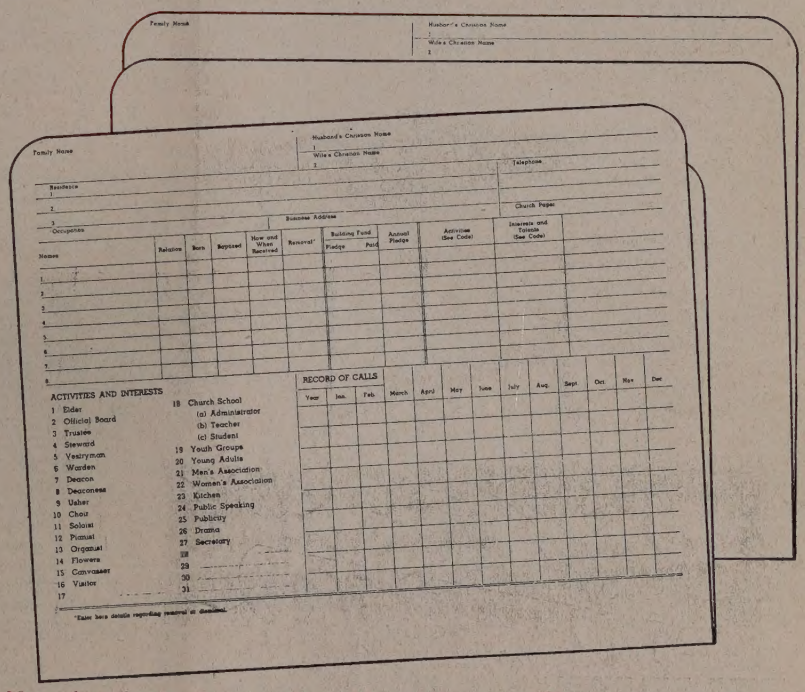

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